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India's Role In Middle East Military Policy

LIPPMANN STRESSES DOMINION'S INFLUENCE IN ASIA

Need For Joint Talks With Britain And U. S. Urged

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 15.

Experts here urge consultation with India before the military policy in the Middle East is decided. They point out that the British position in this area in the recent war might have become untenable without the support of India's troops and resources.

LIPPMANN'S PLEA TO AMERICA

MR. WALTER LIPPMANN, AMERICA'S WELL-KNOWN COLUMNIST, WRITING IN THE "HERALD TRIBUNE" TODAY SAYS THAT THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN SHOULD NOT PROCEED TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT CONSULTING INDIA.

India's manpower and material resources, her interests and influence must be recognised. According to him, without Indian support, the British position might have been untenable in the last war. In another war ,the American-British position, because of their weak man-power strength, would be even worse.

NEHRU'S VIEWS

LIPPMANN QUOTES PANDIT NEHRU AS SAYING LAST WEEK THAT INDIA IS CENTRALLY LOCATED AND NOTHING CAN HAPPEN IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD WITHOUT INDIA IN IT AND SAYS THAT IT IS NOT A BOAST BUT UNDERLINES THE POLICY OF THE LARGEST AND THE MOST INFLUENTIAL STATE IN ASIA, WHICH, THOUGH SUPPRESSES COMMUNISTS, YET DECLARES THAT IT WILL NOT JOIN ANY POWER OR GROUP."

MR. LIPPMANN SUGGESTS THAT AMERICA SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE BRITISH POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS PROPERLY RENOVATED AND ADJUSTED TO THE NEW CONDITIONS, AS EVENTUALLY SHE WILL HAVE TO CARRY OUT THE POLICY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BRITAIN.

CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY

Friendship With All Nations, Says Gen. Chin

NANKING, March 15 (PTI-Reuter): General Ho Ying Chin, Chinese Prime Minister-designate in succession to Dr Sun Fo, arrived in Nanking today to complete his "streamlined" Peace Cabinet.

He told Chinese reporters that peace negotiations with the Communists would begin soon.

"But" he emphasised, "China must have a reasonable peace acceptable to both sides."

Only then could it be permanent, he said, and the reconstruction of the country's international status.

China's foreign policy under his Cabinet, he said, would be one of friendship with all nations.

If the purpose of United States aid was justified, further aid would be accepted. Any foreign friendly aid would be accepted.

YOUNG CHINA PARTY'S HELP

He disclosed that the Young China Party—one of the two parties associated with the Kuomintang Party in the Nationalist Government—had promised to accept a portfolio.

The Democrat Socialist Party, the other party in the coalition, was to meet shortly in Shanghai to consider participation in the Cabinet.

As the Premier was talking to the reporters the Legislative Yuan passed a measure recommending that his Cabinet should not exceed eight portfolios and two commissions.

REDS LAUNCH NEW ATTACK

Heavy gunfire echoed across the broad Yangtse River today when Communist troops opened a new attack on the outer defences of Yicheng, one of the last Government bridgeheads on the north bank.

Across the river in the key railway town of Chinkiang 30 miles east of Nanking Government troops stood by awaiting the outcome of the attack.

TALKS WITH SOVIET

Chinese-Soviet negotiations for a local commercial agreement giving Russia economic and other privileges in China's northwestern province of Sinkiang have reached deadlock, according to usually reliable Shanghai sources.

Soviet demands for freedom to import any commodity from Sinkiang were said to have caused the breakdown. Several points had already been agreed, including the setting up of a Sinkiang-Soviet Trading Corporation.

Chinese Reds Lack Plans To Govern

NEW YORK, March 15, (UPA):— A 'Times' editorial declaring that the Soviet Union's policy is to "divide and annex" today said that all indications are the Chinese Communists have no plans for a Central Chinese Government.

The editorial said: "The Chinese Communists have been significantly silent about their plans to govern China. They have been eloquent on the plans to collapse the Government that now exists and to exterminate its leaders....If the Communists tried to govern China, their first objective would have to be to get China back on her feet productively and economically.

"But the whole strategic and tactical pattern of the Chinese Communists and their Soviet supporters have gone in the exact opposite direction. The Soviet Union engineered the economic destruction of Manchuria.. waging their civil war, the Chinese Communists'....overall strategy has been not to conquer and rule but to bring chaos and anarchy. Once this is done the next step is to proclaim a state of 'no Government'.

'Local areas not controlled by the Central Government will be obliged to declare themselves 'autonomous'. This is already under way in Manchuria. Now it is announced the Communists have established a regional Government for a three-province area north of the Yangtze River,' the editorial concluded.

INDO-AFGHAN TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. C. C. Desai, Secretary, Commerce Ministry, Government of India and Sardar Naim Khan of the Afghan Trade Delegation signing the Indo-Afghan Trade Agreement on March 12. At left is Mr. B. K. Kapur of the E.A. & C.R. Ministry.

ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR TO MEET

Inaugural Conference At Indore On May 6

TWO LARGEST U. S. UNIONS TO SEND DELEGATES

WASHINGTON, MARCH, 15, (UPA):— INFORMED SOURCES HERE SAID TODAY THAT THE ASIAN CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR WILL HOLD ITS INAUGURAL CONFERENCE ON MAY 6 AT INDORE.

These sources said that delegates representing America's two largest labour unions, the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, will attend However, the delegates have not been named yet. The sources believed that the Philippine delegation has been named.

PREPARATORY NATURE

The formation of an Asian Confederation of Labour was discussed by union leaders at last year's San Francisco conference of the International Labour Organization. The meeting next May will be in the nature of a preparatory session and will strictly be a labour affair without the attendance of Government representatives.

The International Labour Organisation, which includes representatives of Government, business, as well as labour, has tentatively scheduled its 1950 session somewhere in Asia. ILO meetings usually are held in the spring.

Labour spokesmen said that the United States Union representatives have been invited to the Confederation meeting for the sake of lending the benefit of their experience. They said that they understood that the "existence of Communism and Communist-controlled unions" would be a large item of the business.

Both AFL and CIO spokesmen said that their unions had "every intention of sending representatives to the Asian Confederation.

Philip Kaiser, Director of International Affairs for the United States Department of Labour, said his Department had been informed of the Indore meeting. Kaiser said the Department had suggested that Asian trade unionists be brought to the United States to study conditions here, similar to German trade unionists who recntly arrived here.

Kaiser said his Department had suggested that a provision be made under the Smith-Mlndt Act for an exchange of trade union representatives between the United States and other countries as was done in other fields.

22 FRENCHMEN KILLED IN CRASH

SAIGON, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): Twenty-two French servicemen were killed today when an Air Force JUNKER aircraft crashed into a mountain near Hoang-Suphi, 180 miles north-west of Hanoi. The twin-engined plane had 17 parachutists on board.

PINOLE (California), Mar. 15 (UPA): Truck driver William Cox, 30, was recovering in hospital today after being trapped for an hour in the red-hot wreckage of his cab while 3,000 gallons of gasoline burned around him.

POLICE FORCE GUARDS FRONTIER ASSEMBLY

Sequel To Alleged Plot To Kill Premier: 7 Leaguers Quit Ministerial Party

PESHAWAR, March 15 (UPI): Following yesterday's disclosure of an alleged plot to kill the NWFP Premier, Khan Abdul Quyum Khan strong security measures were taken during the session of the Frontier Assembly today. The Chamber was closely guarded by the police and no visitor was allowed to attend the session.

Seven prominent members of the Muslim League Assembly Party, including Sardar Asadullah Jan Khan, Member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly and Nawab Qutubuddin of Tank, Deputy Speaker of the Frontier Assembly, today seceded from the Ministerial Party.

In a letter to the Speaker requesting for allotment of separate seats in the Centre for retaining their status as Muslim Leaguers, these members stated that "the policy chalked out and acted upon by the Chief Minister is communistic, disruptive and unIslamic in the light of the objective solution the basis on which our social, religious and economic superstructure is to be raised."

Huge Fire At U. S. Army Base

DAMAGE RUNS INTO MILLION DOLLARS

OAKLAND, California, March 15, (UPA):— A general alarm fire raged out of control at Oakland army base today exploding scores of lubricating oil drums in puffs of bright orange flames visible for miles around San Francisco bay.

The fire broke out last night along a 2,000-foot long warehouse on the base pier and within a short while flames engulfed the whole warehouse. Exploding drums generated so much heat that firemen had to spray water on fire trucks to keep them from blistering. Flames shot 400 feet high each time the drums ignited.

With the fire still roaring two hours after it started, the Oakland Fire chief said that the damage would amount to at least dol. 1,000,000 Fire chief said that the damage would amount to at least hrdlumfwyp

Soviet Progress In Air

DEFINITE THREAT TO U.S. SUPREMACY

CINCINNATI, March 15, (PTI-Reuter):— Soviet air accomplishments are a definite "threat" to American air supremacy, Mr. William C. Jordan, President of the Curtiss Wright Corporation, one of America's largest aircraft manufacturers, said here today. He would not want to be the pilot of the first American bomber over Russia because there would probably be a "sky full" of fighter planes, he told reporters in an interview here. "We talk about our planes flying at great heights but the Russians have planes flying higher", he said.

"We say we are producing great quantities of planes but the Russians are producing more."

INDO-AUSTRALIAN WHEAT DEAL

Report Premature, Says Minister

CANBERRA, March 1 (PTI-Reuter): Federal Commerce Minister Regional Pollard told the Australian Parliament today that last Sunday's announcement that India was to buy 25,000,000 bushels of Australian wheat at 14 shillings and eight pence (Australian a bushel was premature.

The member of the Australian Wheat Board who had made this statement was "guilty of a distinct breach of faith", he said.

The Indian Government had agreed to certain things but a contract had not been completed.

Espionage Charge Against U.S. Soldiers

PRAGUE, March 15. (PTI-Reuter): Two United States soldiers held here since December 9 are to be tried before a Czech court charged with espionage.

American authorities have been refused permission to visit the two men who were arrested in Czechoslovakia after walking across the frontier from the American zone in Germany.

King's Health

LONDON, March 15 (UPA): Buckingham Palace sources said today that King George may be allowed out of bed by this week-end if his progress following Saturday's operation continued at the present rate.

They said the King hopes to be well enough next week to go to the Royal Lodge at Windsor where he will convalesce for three or four weeks.

The informants added that the doctors who operated on the King on Saturday to free the flow of blood to his right foot had expressed satisfaction over the progress so far.

A Fitting Memorial To Mahatma Gandhi

RAJEN BABU'S PLEA FOR CITY'S SINCERE CO-OPERATION

Call For Donation From Worker And Industrialist

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"Mahatma Gandhi's work in his life-time is itself the greatest memorial for the departed Leader and this memorial will remain for all eternity," declared Dr. Rajendra Prasad addressing a mammoth gathering at Chaupaty sands this evening.

APPEAL TO CITIZENS

DR. PRASAD, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALL-INDIA MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC OF BOMBAY TO SWELL THE FUND TO REACH ITS TARGET WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
THE MEETING WAS HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE B.P.C.C.

Rajen Babu stated that the collections made for the Gandhi Memorial Fund were entirely to be devoted for the benefit of the people, and for the furtherance of Mahatma's constructive programme. It would not take the shape of a memorial in the form of life-size statues of the beloved leader. But, it would be an humble effort of countless men and women in this country, who had loved and respected the great leader, to give something as an offering to be used for the service of the masses.

EXAMPLE OF TILAK FUND

Dr. Prasad gave the example of Mahatma Gandhi's own efforts in collecting a crore of Rupees for the Tilak Fund in 1919 and said that even during that time, in less than three months, the whole amount fixed as its target was collected. "Why have we failed to collect even after 13 months a fraction of the target for Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund in 1949?" asked Dr. Rajendra Prasad. He said that their efforts needed intensification.

So far, he said, he had been telling everyone that villagers n U.P. had done splendid work. But, Dr. Prasad wanted Bombay citizens to shine in this work so that others would emulate their example. Industrialists in Bombay, no doubt, had done some good work in collections for the Fund, but he valued humble donations and contributions from common labourers more than from the well-to-do class. Because, simple workers had deep faith and devotion for the cause for which they were collecting this Fund.

Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee who presided over the meeting appealed to the public of Bombay to make a success of the "What have I done for the Fund?" Week to be observed from April 6 to April 13. Door-to-door collections would be made by Congress volunteers for the Gandhi Memorial Fund during this week so that the target fixed for Bombay City would be reached.

French Government Survives Censure Motion

PARIS, March 15. (PTI-Reuter)— The French Chambers of Deputies today rejected by 350 votes to 228 a motion of censure against the Government because of its refusal to reopen full dress debate on Indo-China. The motion would have had to have 311 votes for passage.

The motion was sponsored by the De Gaullist ex-Minister, Rene Capitant.

The atmosphere became heated When M. Jacques Duclos, leader of the Communist Parliamentary Group, criticed the Government for "war mongering".

"The Gaullists and the Government follow the same policy, the French Government is preparing for war and following the Hitlertic policy," M. Deulos declared.

This speech provoked Communist cheers and countercheers by their opponents. Several ministers and non-Communists walked out.

ATONING FOR SINS OF HIROSHIMA

ROME, March 15 (PTI-Reuter): An American citizen has offered 50,000 Dollars to build a church in the atom bombed Japanese town of Hiroshima, Vatican Radio announced today.

The donor was quoted as saying that Americans had destroyed the town and must therefore contribute to its reconstruction.

DRAFT AGREEMENT ON BHOPAL

State To Be Centrally Administered Unit

BHOPAL, March 15. (API)—Bhopal State will become a centrally administered unit or a chief commissioner's province, informed sources here were inclined to believe following the trend of Mr. V. P. Menon's talks today with the Bhopal Ruler.

Mr. Menon arrived here today and was joined in his talks with the Nawab by Mr. N. M. Buch, Joint Secretary of the States Ministry, Mr. Sundaram, Secretary to the Law Department and the Deputy Secretary of the States Ministry.

The talks, which it is described will be final and conclusive, are said to be taking place over a draft agreement already drawn up by the States Ministry.

According to the same sources, the constituting of Bhopal into a centrally administered unit will (1) effect a compromise between the Government of India's general line of integration and the "continued opposition" of the Bhopal Ruler and certain sections of influential political opinion in the State against merger with any adjoining territory;

And (2) help cut across the rival claims of the Madhyabharat Union and the Central Provinces to this 7,000 square mile unit with a population of 1,000,000 and with rich potential food and mineral resources.

Mr. Menon and the other Government of India officials are provisionally scheduled to leave for New Delhi tomorrow. This is again taken to indicate to the decisiveness and conclusiveness of the talks.

Big Blaze In Sewri Cotton Godown

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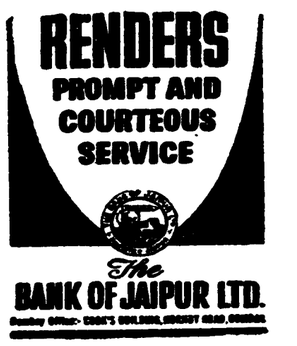

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MISTAKEN FOR SABOTEURS

Mysore Post-Graduates' Experience In C.P.

(From Our Own Correspondent)
NAGPUR, March 15

For an educational excursion, a party of post-graduate students and a Professor of Mysore University were in Chhindwara. They moved out to the jungles for the purposes of collecting specimens every day. Their experience of the month of March 1949 was strange. They alighted at a flag station of Isra (Seoni side) and as they did not find any one to collect their tickets they moved to the jungles.

Those who were patrolling the lines mistook them for a party of saboteurs for besides being dressed in Khaki, carrying haversacks they also had hammers.

The telegraph lines buzzed with the news that saboteurs had been seen and that they had moved to the jungles. Chhindwara got Kukri police and Danda police ready to comb the jungle.

A hot reception awaited this supposed Communist column, when they returned in a bus. Fortunately the mistake was perceived in time. The party of geologists would have been annihilated.

The Provincial Government, it is reported to have received a directive from the Central Government to intensify local procurement of foodgrains. This step has been taken, it is stated to enable the fullest utilization of the entire grain surplus in the country for equitable distribution throughout.

ENTERTAINMENT TAX

The cinema exhibitors and distributors are alarmed over the proposal of the Provincial Government to enhance the entertainment tax without any exception from 25 per cent to 50 per cent. They think that the Government has put its hand too deep into their bulging pockets. They have threatened to close down their cinema houses as a protest against the enhancement for a period of one month. They are meeting on the 17th and 18th of this month to place before the Government the hardships that would entail on them due to enhancement. If pleadings do not help them they would resort to direct action and probably from 1st April, the provincial cinema fans would be required to find a new venue to entertain themselves for a period of 1 month.

Sardar Congratulates Ahmedabad Municipality

AHMEDABAD, March 15. (API)—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India, in a message congratulating the 62 out of 64 members of the Ahmedabad municipality on being elected on Congress ticket, appeals to them to do the municipal work sincerely and honestly so as to enhance the prestige of the Congress.

Sardar Patel states "the result of the general election of the Ahmedabad Municipality is in keeping with the tradition of the city established for many year. There was no ill-will or malicious propaganda in the election for which the voters as well as you all deserve congratulation. Your responsibility is all the greater by virtue of the confidence resposed by the electorate in the Congress by electing you in such large numbers.

NORMAL POSITION ON S. I. R.

MADRAS, March 15, (A.P.I.): The position on the South Indian Railway continues to be normal today says the Public Relations Officer, M. and S. M. and S. I. Railways in a statement to the press.

The statement adds: Despite the reported decision of the Labour Union's Committee of Action not to strike, prejudicial pamphlets are still being distributed amongst the staff.

Through running of trains on the S. I. Railway metre guage section which was affected by the derailment of a goods train about 6 p.m. on March 14 between Vadipatti and Sholavadam on the Dindigul-Madura section is expected to be restored by midnight today.

Constable Arrested For Illicit Liquor

MIRAJ, March 15 (UPI)—A police constable and one other person were arrested yesterday at Miraj by the sub-inspector of police, Miraj, for possession and transporting illicit liquor on a bicycle.

EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES "VERY SERIOUS"

U. N. Can And Must Settle Them Peaceably, Says Trygve Lie

ORONO (Maine), March 15 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, declared here today that if hostility between the Western and Eastern groups of nations continues it will "end in a war that will end civilisation as we know it."

Speaking at Maine University, he said the "mere existence of the United Nations will not break down the differences which now divide the East and West.

"They are certainly very serious and fundamental", but the United Nations can and must, serve as a means of settling these differences peaceably.

"It is impossible to overestimate the collective power of all that faith and the confidence which has been invested in the United Nations by humanity. No body should make the mistake of underestimating it.

"I would rather have it than all the armies and navies and air forces on earth, plus all of their secret weapons."

PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER TO MASSES

U. P. Minister On Village Panchayats Experiment

BANARAS, March 15. (UPI)—Addressing a students' meeting in the Banaras University Sri Lal Banadur Shastri, Police Minister of the United Provinces, exhorted students to utilise the opportunities afforded to them, with the advent of freedom, of equiping themselves, both physically and mentally, so as to be able to shoulder the responsibilities vested in them as members of a free nation. He warned them not to be misled by slogans and catchwords, "which he characterised as "venomously dangerous".

Continuing Shri Shastri said that freedom resulted in the growth of their responsibilities and consciousness of collective efforts towards construction of the nation on the ideal pattern chalked out by Mahatma Gandhi, and for improving its conditions.

POWER TO MASSES

Shri Shastri observed that Congress would follow the policy of transferring power to the masses in an agreeable and peaceful manner avoiding any possible eventualities of unpleasant conflict and bloodshed. He added that introduction of Panchayats was a positive index to Congress methods of gradually decentralising the Government. The system of running Panchayats would enable the masses to develop political consciousness.

The Minister condemned the subversive tactics employed by the Communists and ridiculed their idea of turning India into a Soviet base.

Sarojini's Biography

BENARES, March 15. (U.P.I.): A cheap volume on the biography of Sreemati Sorojini Naidu is under preparation by the U.P. Students Congress to be published from "Anand Bhawan" at Moradabad.

The President of the U.P. Students' Congress has, in a statement requested students to send contributions.

HYDERABAD ARRESTS

Sequel To Murder Of Congress Workers

HYDERABAD, March 15, (U.P.I.): Six former members of the Hyderabad State army, including a Captain, have been arrested by the Adilabad police in connection with the alleged murder of two Congress workers. Some of the accused persons were intercepted while they were trying to sneak away to Pakistan.

According to eye witness accounts, the murdered Congress workers were brought under arrest to Mancherial and taken to the local iron and steel factory where they were pushed in a trench, and their bodies were riddled with bullets. They were also bayonetted when they attempted to climb out.

Mr. Narendra Sinha, District Superintendent of Police, Adilabad, is conducting further investigations.

EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS IN MADRAS

MADRAS, March 15, (A.P.I.): The members of the Egyptian Journalists' Delegation arrived here this afternoon by air from Calcutta.

Mr. Abdul Ham D Al Hadge, editor of the Al Balge and Al Yan, one of the delegates, told the A.P.I. that the real object in visiting India was to tighten the existing bond of friendship between Egypt and India. He said they had at present only a megre Indian news service through London. He hoped with the P.T.I. as partners in the Reuter organisation, the news service from India would improve in future.

Explaining that their Government were cent per cent secular, Mr. Hamid said the authorities in Egypt never discriminated between one community and another though eighteen millions of the Egyptians were Muslims and the rest two millions native Christians. They were all one and their culture and language were the same.

He asserted that Egypt was following the same foreign policy as India Egypt never wanted to join any bloc Eastern or Western.

LISTOWEL WARNS AUSTRALIA AGAINST "RED" MENACE

Plea For Strengthening Of Pacific Defences

CANBERRA, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): Lord Listowel, special emissary of Mr. Clement Attlee, today told the Australian cabinet that Britain would welcome Australian suggestions for improving empire safety in the Pacific in view of the growing influence of Communism in China and regions north of Australia.

An authoritative source said Lord Listowel warned the cabinet in a two-hour talk today that the British Government believed, Pacific defences must be strengthened because of this changed position north of Australia.

Lord Listowel, it was said, told the Cabinet the British Government desired the closest co-operation with Australia and would welcome and co-operate in any Australian suggestions aimed at improving Empire safety.

RELIEVING DOLLAR STRAIN

On the econmic side, the authoritative source added, Lord Listowel pointed to the necessity of Britain and the rest of the Empire integrating as much as possible their various economis so as to relieve the dollar strain.

Lord Listowel was expected to begin detailed defence discussions tonight with Australian Defence Minister Mr. John Dedman.

Lord Listowel told reporters that his visit to Australia, and visits to the Dominions of other Government representatives were part of an empire pattern.

"SERIOUS SITUATIONS" IN MALAYA

He parried his questions adroitly by refusing to discuss, by the process of elimination, the reason for his mission, but the reporters attached significance to the fact that when questioned about Malaya he produced a document thought to give the British view-point on the seriousness of the situation there.

Lord Listowel, it was presumed, had this document with him while talking with the Federal Cabinet.

"Everyone is concerned about the spread of Communism in South East Asia", he said. We can see the results in Malaya. The situation in Malaya is serious. We do not underestimate its gravity though there is a distinct improvement which can be seen in the smaller number of bandit attacks.

"There is reason to believe that the Malayan outbreak was helped by a Communist meeting in Calcutta."

Asked if in view of the growth of Communism in South East Asia he was satisfied with Australia's Defence preparedness, he replied: "I cannot say. I have not been here long enough".

DEDMAN ON NEED FOR PACIFIC REGIONAL PACT

CANBERRA, March 15, (PTI-Reuter):— Mr. John Dedman, Australian Defence Minister, today declared that because the creation of an International Security Force under the United Nations seemed "a distant objective, a Pacific Regional Pact was "the best thing to aim for."

Mr. Dedman, who was answering questions in the House of representatives, added that a regional pact would be of the strongest character, if not only British Commonwealth countries but other nations bordering on the Pacific joined.

Australia's defence plans were based on security arrangements that might be made in co-operation with the United Kingdom and other British Commonwealth nations and it was the right of every country to develop its own defences.

Tata Institute Scientists On Their Experiments In Madras

MADRAS, March 15 (A.P.I.): Experiments in recording Cosmic Radiation in the upper atmosphere are being carried out in Madras by a party of scientists from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay.

Dr. J. Taylor of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, who is leading the party conducting this experiment, in an interview said that the object of the experiments was to increase the knowledge of fundamental particles and that it had no utilitarian motive.

"Considerable part of the experimenta. work of the institute", he said, "was concerned with Cosmic Radiation. Experiments have already been carried out in which baloons were sent up into the stratosphere. These carried radio transmitters which sent out signals received on the ground, from which observers could deduce pressure, temperature and intensity of the Cosmic Radiation."

More experiments of this type would be carried out in the near future", he added.

The experiments now being conducted in Madras, he said, also involved the sending up of baloons but the apparatus consisted essentially of special photographic plates. Cosmic Rays, he explained, were recorded directly on these plates and after they were developed and examined, it was possible to draw conclusions regarding the nature of the Cosmic Ray particles in the upper atmosphere. As the radiation traversed the atmosphere, he said, considerable changes occurred in its general character and it was, therefore, very important to conduct experiments not only on the ground but at great heights under favourable circumstances. Dr. Taylor pointed out, baloons might reach a height of some 20 miles. There was still much to be learnt about th- Cosmic rays at those heights.

American scientists, he said, were already sending out apparatus in V 2 rockets, which reached a height of as much as 100 miles. Cosmic radiation was affected by the earth's field and it was therefore important to make observations at various latitudes.

One advantage of Madras being selected for their experiment he said, was that it was very near the magnetic equator.

The second apparatus went out last evening but its discovery had not yet been reported, he added.

Dr. Taylor will leave for Bombay tomorrow.

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'Holi' Celebrations In City

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Holi, the festival of spring, was observed in the traditional manner in the city of Bombay, both last night and today. A riot of colour, music on primitive instruments, and funeral pyres, for the great God Kama characterised the celebrations.

Mythology has it, that yesterday Kama the God of Love, and the passions attendant on it—anger, jealousy and the possive instinct—was burnt to ashes by Siva. Siva was lost in penance and austerities. The other Gods of the Hindu Pantheon, wanted him to awake so that, he would carry on with the work assigned to him. The work was the destruction of the world of that time, which had become heavy with life, which had to be destroyed if a new "Yuga" of creation had to be ushered in.

Kama was sent by the Gods to wake Siva from his 'samadhi'. Kama shot his dart of Love and the God of Destruction awoke. He looked with unbounded anger at Kama, with his third eye, and the little God of Love vanished in flame and smoke. This chapter of Hindu mythology, is enacted every year, by the people through the length and breadth of the land. They build pyres for Kama, and burn his effigy, to the accompaniment of the customary cries of lamentation, when death occurs.

Holi, is also the festival of spring. It shows that the winter is ended, and Nature bursts into its colour-ful aspect of buds flowers and new leaves. That is why, the common people throw colour on each other during the day.

In Bombay City, people observed Holi, by sprinkling coloured water on each other. Groups of persons, clinging on to each other, by a rope, and rhythmically singing, to accompanying music, were going round different localities. Copper coins, nickels, and a profusion of coloured water was thrown at them, from the balconies of houses.

Others waited the streets in gay abandon, their bodies daubed with ash from the funeral pyre of the God of Love and their clothes soaked in resplendent colours. A fearful spectacle in themselves, the pots and bottles of colour in their hands added to the trepidation of more civilised and better dressed citizens.

Today is a Government holiday. All mills and factories remained closed.

"Democrats" Bid To Hold Up Truman's Programme

WASHINGTON, March 15. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Democratic Party leaders have decided to abandon "for the time being" their attempt to break the Southern Senators' filibuster (talking legislation "to death") after efforts to reach a compromise collapsed last night.

Their decision was major victory for the Southerners who have been filibustering against an effort by President Truman to ban the filibuster so that his Civil Rights programme for Negroes, opposed by Southerners, might have a chance of becoming law.

Democratic leaders were reported to have made their decision after consulting Mr. Truman by telephone at his holiday retreat at Key West, Florida.

CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Falgun Vad 2, 2005
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 15, 1368
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Sunrise: 6-47 a.m. Sunset: 6-49 p.m.
Highside: 00-50, 13-12
Lowtide: 06-47, 19-12

To-day's Engagements

GATHA-GAHAMBAR FESTIVALS: Today at Petit Parsi Atashkadeh New Marine Lines. At 5-30 p.m. Jashan ceremony at 6-30 p.m. Hambandagi Dasturji Framroze Bode will deliver a lecture on "The Divine Teachings of the Ahunavaiti Gatha".

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "How do we remember our past lives" is the subject of short talk to be followed by questions and answers today at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

BOMBAY SUGAR MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION LTD.: Annual General Meeting today at 4-0 p.m. in the Association's Hall.

BOMBAY WOMEN'S WORK GUILD: To meet at Government House today at 5 p.m. (S. T.) when Rani Maharaj Singh will preside.

THE PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Mr. A. D. Shroff, will speak today, at 6-30 p.m. at the 'Greens" on "The Budget and thereafter.

ALL-INDIA EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION: First quarterly general meeting today at 4 p.m. (S. T.) in the premises of the Association at Caurumgate House, Churchgate Street, Fort.

MAHAGUJARAT YOUVAK SANGH: Meeting of the working committee at Victory Press, Kennedy Bridge at 6 p.m. today.

INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Film Show on "Ballet and Folk dances in Britain" today at 6 p.m. at the I.F.L. Theatre, Menkwa Building, Outram Road, Fort.

POONA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S SHORT SUMMER CLASS: The Association is conducting a class from 15th April 1949 to 18th June 1949. Instruction will be given via Marathi about general management of libraries. Those wishing to join may write to or see V. P. Kolhatkar Dip. Lib. Librarian, Maharashtra Regional Library, Poona, Supervisor of the class.

Schools Committee: Meeting at 3-40 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Mr. A. D. Shroff will speak on "the budget and thereafter." Green's 6-30 p.m.

Bank Employees' Strike Ballot Postponed

The Secretary of the Federation of Bank Employees, Bombay writes:—

"The strike ballot by the bank employees to be taken between 15th and 20th March 1949 has been postponed The Working Committee of the Federation of Bank Employees, Bombay which met on 14th March arrived at this decision in the light of a letter received from the Government of Bombay, intimating that the Government had taken a decision to refer the disputes to Arbitration and that the necessarily orders would be passed shortly.

If in the meantime the disputes are not referred to Arbitration after "passing the necessary orders" as promised verbally by the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Labour Department, the members would be compelled to adhere to their previous Resolution to hold the Strike Ballot".

Radio

BOMBAY, Wednesday, March 16.
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Change In Delhi Radio Wavelength

NEW DELHI, March 15. (U. P. I.): With effect from March 16, the wave length of Delhi 2. Transmitter between 6-45 p.m. and 11 p.m. will be 60.48 metres and not 85.84 metres.

POWERFUL RADIO STATION FOR NAIROBI

NAIROBI, March 15. (PTI-Reuter)—A powerful new radio station at Nairobi intended primarily to relay B.B.C programmes to the Far East is expected to be operating in September.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

57.—The Channi-walla

He is one of Bombay's street-vendors to suffer neglect at the hands of men. No house-holder, however brave, volunteers to make a choice of a sieve from the vendor's collection because the wire gauze at the bottom of the "channi" is one of the most deceptive things in the vast range of kitchen-ware. You may carry home a superfine sieve only to find that small-sized pebbles get through the gauze along with wheat or gram flour. So Bombay's "channi-walla" is at the mercy of the housewife. He has very often a harassed look. In a collection of twenty pieces, only one may meet with the approval of his client's critical eye. He is therefore compelled, during lean days, to change over to other wares that sell quicker. That is why you often hear him utter, in a musical way, his monosyllabic sales slogan — "channee", by force of habit, when he is actually carrying China ware.

SIR MAHARAJ SINGH OPENS BELGIAN ART EXHIBITION

"Object Of Such Presentations Should Be To Increase International Harmony"

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"Art is not confined only to the fine arts nor does it exist only in art galleries or museums. There is Art in manufactures and hand-woven products because, essentially, Art is beauty," His Excellency Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, said this evening while declaring open an exhibition of Belgian art organised by the Belgian Ambassador in India and Her Highness Princess de Ligne.

Presented in a documentary fashion, the exhibits depict the growth of ancient Belgian art upto the seventeenth century and range from illuminated manuscripts to enamels, miniatures, seals, sculpture, paintings, chitecture, tapestries, laces, music music and art films. A second exhibition covering the period from the seventeenth century to the present time will be held later, it was stated.

Inviting His Excellency the Governor to inaugurate the exhibition, His Highness Prince de Ligne, the Belgian Ambassador, said that the presentation of his country's ancient works of art, some in original, was not only motivated by a desire to acquaint the art-lovers in this country with the artistic achievements of his people but had the larger object of bringing India and Belgium together and helping the realisation of international harmony and goodwill.

"Harmony must preside over the relations of all mankind," the Prince declared. "The task is not small or easy but if each one of us contribute his share towards that glorious end our dream will become a reality."

Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, inaugurating the exhibition, said that relations between the peoples of India and Belgium had always been friendly and stressed the fact that between the advent and the finish of the two world wars India had felt a burning sympathy for the wrongfully invaded and cruelly treated Belgians. He agreed with the Prince that the object of such presentations should be to increase international harmony and further the interests of peace for which the whole world longed at present.

His Excellency recalled his visits to Belgium and spoke appreciatively of the art and architecture of cities like Brussels and Ghent. There was a similarity, he said, between the artistic product of Belgium and India, especially in the sphere of manuscripts and armour. But there was no basic difference between the artistic activity of one country and another for art was essentially the pursuit of beauty.

The exhibition is being held in Dharia Mahal, Nepean Sea Road, and is open to the public.

REGE MEMORIAL FUND APPEAL

Dr. V. N. Rege, popularly known as Dr. Babasaheb Rege, breathed his last, on April 30, 1948. It is needless to state that the late Dr. Rege rendered invaluable services to society not only in his capacity as a Medical Practitioner but also as a devout worker in the cause of social welfare and public. He worked with sincerity and almost religious devotion for his village, his taluka and his district and also the city of Bombay. A gentleman of catholic sympathies and broad outlook of life, he always kept in view the good of all he came in contact with.

It is therefore but fitting that an appropriate memorial be raised in grateful remembrance of the services of the late Dr. Babasaheb to his fellow-men. A meeting of the admirers and a large circle of friends of the late Doctor was held on January 30, 1949, when it was decided to raise a sum of Rs. 50 000 to commemorate in a fitting manner the services of this great social worker. We therefore approach you with a very humble request to contribute your mite towards this fund so that our efforts for this worthy cause may come to fruition.

Kindly remit your contribution to the Treasurer, Dr. Babasaheb Rege Memorial Committee, c/o Dr. Madhusudan V. Rege 20. Tribhuvan Road Bombay 4.

MADRAS, March 15 (API): H. E. the Maharaja of Bhavnagar, Governor of Madras and H. H. the Maharani of Bhavnagar gave a dinner party, at Guindy, on Monday night to meet members of the Reuter Goodwill Delegation and the officials of the Southern Army and the Italian Trade Delegation. After dinner there was a dance recital by Miss Hemamalini.

WEATHER

WEATHER CHART

POONA, March 15, (A. P. I.) Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 1st December, 1948, and departure from normal, recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 15th March, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 97 69 0 0 minus 0.2, Allahabad 92 65 0 1.5 minus 0.7, Bangalore 86 70 0 0.5 minus 0.6, Baroda 99 62 0 0.1, Belgaum 97 67 0 0.1 minus 0.8, BOMBAY 90 73 0 0 minus 0.3, Calcutta 96 72 0 0.1 minus 1.2, Colombo 87 78 0 14.6 plus 0.9, Cuttack 99 71 0 0.3 minus 1.7, Darjeeling 67 43 0 2.2 minus 0.6, Dehra Dun 79 48 0 7.5 plus 0.9, Delhi 85 55 0 0.9 minus 1.7, Hyderabad (Dn.) 100 69 0 0 minus 1.2, Lahore — 57 0 3.5 plus 0.5, Lucknow 90 61 0 1.7 minus 0.3, Madras 101 77 0 1.7 minus 5.6, Mahabaleshwar 74 70 0 0 minus 0.6, Multan — 53 0 0.4 minus 0.9, Mussoorie 61 (rest not given) Nagpur 102 71 0 0.1 minus 1.7, Ootacamund 77 47 0 1.0 minus 2.8, Pachmarhi 87 63 0 0.5 minus 1.5, Patna 89 69 0 3.9 plus 2.1, Peshawar 76 (rest not given) Poona 102 62 0 0 minus 0.3, Rajkot 97 69 0 0 minus 0.2, Rawalpindi 72 49 0 9.1 plus 1.6, Shillong 70 56 0 2.7 plus 0.2, Sholapur 103 70 0 0 minus 0.9, Simla 54 38 0 7.8 minus 0.4, Surat 95 69 0 0.4 plus 0.1.

LADY MOUNTBATTEN'S VISIT TO BOMBAY POSTPONED

BOMBAY, March 15 (U.P.I.): Due to indisposition, Lady Mountbatten's visit to Bombay has been postponed. She is now expected to arrive in Bombay by air on the evening of Monday, March 21 and will leave after midnight on Wednesday 23rd instant.

"HELP GOVERNMENT IN STEPPING UP FOOD PRODUCTION"

Kher Hopes India Would Be Self-Sufficient Within Next Three Years

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

India would be able to attain self-sufficiency regarding food within the next two or three years, observed Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay presiding over a function arranged by the Prohibition and Labour Welfare Committee.

The function which was held at St. Xavier's College Gymkhana, Parel, this evening consisted of wrestling tournaments and exhibition Mr. Guzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister, Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Mr. A. S. Aiyangar, Labour Commissioner of Bombay were present.

The Premier, briefly explaining the current problems confronting the country, referred to the ever-growing food shortage in India and appealed to the people to help Government's efforts to step up food production.

Giving a word of advise to wrestlers, he urged them to inculcate the spirit of courage and canalise their strength in the services of the weak and the poor. He said that though Mahatma Gandhi had a 'frail' body, he possessed dauntless courage and fought incessantly and bravely against the British rule and died a hero's death. The Premier asked the people to give up drink and other bad habits and devote more attention to their physical and mental development. He assured them that his Government was doing its best to encourage and sponsor activities for the welfare and development of the people.

LATE DR. N. F. MOGRELIA MEMORIAL FUND

List Of Donations

The following is the list of donations received upto 25th Feoruary 1949 to the late Dr. N. F. Mogrelia Memorial Fund by the Committee:—

Rs. 2,000 from Sir Dutton Tata Charities (through Lady Navajbai R. Tata and co-Trustees); Rs. 201 Mr. P. F. Mogrelia; Rs. 101 Mr. R. S. Watcha. Rs. 101 Mrs. Freni D. Mulla; Rs. 115 from residents of Captain Colony; Rs. 101 A Zoroastrian eye-specialist. Rs. 101 Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Mulla; Rs. 101 Mr. Cursetji Limji; Rs. 101 Mr. N. N. Guzder; Rs. 101 from Trustees of late J. P. Pardiwala Charitable Fund; Rs. 101 Dr. (Mrs.) Dossibai J. R. Dadaphoy; Rs. 89 from residents of Tata Colony; Rs. 82 as per list No. 1 of Tardeo Batliwala Agiari; Rs. 69 from residents of Mursban Colony; Rs. 56 as per list No. 2 of Batliwala Agiari; Rs. 51 Dasturji Manekji Dasturji Burjorji Bhathena; Rs. 51 Mr. Darabsha F. Mogrelia; Rs. 51 Mrs. Manekbai R. Mehta; Rs. 51 Miss Bamai F. Mogrelia; Rs. 51 Mrs. M. R. Desai; Rs. 51 Mr. Ladiba M. Desai; Rs. 51 Bai Jerbai M. Kandawala; Rs. 51 Mr. J. R. B. Jeejibhoy; Rs. 51 Mr. N. H. K. Dinshah; Rs. 25 Mr. E. R. Mehta; Rs. 25 Messrs. Maneksha and Ruttonsha R. Mehta; Rs. 25 Mrs. Dosibai J. Forbes; Rs. 25 Mr. P. M. Desai; Rs. 25 Mr. R. S. Dhondy; Rs. 21 Mr. J. T. Desai; Rs. 21 Ervad N. D. Bhandari; Rs. 21 Mrs. Mithibai Jamsetji; Rs. 21 Ervad P. F. Antia; Rs. 21 Mrs. Ruttonbai F. Pavri; Rs. 15 from a Zoroastrian; Rs. 15 Mrs. Tehemina P. Gagrat; Rs. 15 Mr. A. M. P. Karai; Rs. 11 Mr. and Mrs. Savakshs Gadiali; Rs. 11 Mr. A. M. Sethna; Rs. 11 Mr. J. M. Sethna; Rs. 11 Mrs. Gaimai K. Driver; Rs. 11 Mr. D. D. Avasia; Rs. 11 Mr. N. K. Batliwala; also sums of Rs. 10 and under totalling Rs. 32; making a grand total of Rs. 4,352. Donations may be sent to Jt. Secretary and Treasurer, at No. 20, Sleater Road, Bombay-7.

BYE-ELECTIONS FOR TWO SEATS

March 25 Fixed As Last Day For Filing Nomination

Dates for the filing of nomination papers and the taking of polls have been announced in respect of two seats to the Bombay legislative Assembly rendered vacant by the death of Dr. K. R. Shirodkar and the non-attendance beyond the stipulated period of Mr. Shivbishalsing Harpalsing. Dr. Shirodkar represented the Bombay City—Byculla and Parel General Urban Constituency and Mr. Shivbishalsing, the Railway Unions.

Friday March 25th has been fixed as the last day for filing nominations in both cases. Polling in the railway constituency will however take place on April 8 and of the general seat on April 25.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM

Young people from 13 countries have arrived in London by air to spend nine weeks in British schools and homes. The Council for Education in World Citizenship, an organisation of the United Nations Association, is co-operating in the scheme to bring these 26 boys and girl to Britain.

Aged between 16 and 18, the delegates were chosen through an essay competition on "The World We Want", the theme of their world forum in London in May. One-day conference are being arranged in different parts of Britain. The delegates are spending their first week in London and afterwards dispersing to schools throughout the British Isles, each living in the home of one of the pupils.

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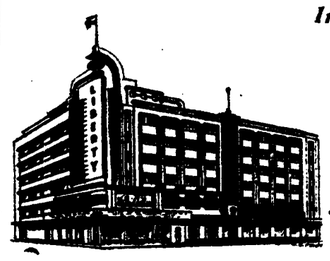
MARCH 21 .....
India's Film Event of the year!

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THE SHOW-PLACE OF THE NATION
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OPENS MONDAY 21st WITH A MAGNIFICENT MOTION PICTURE TO MATCH —
The MEHBOOB Masterpiece
ANDAZ
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and * RAJ KAPOOR
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Photography by FAREDOON A. IRANI
From MONDAY, Daily 3, 6-15, 9-30 P.M.
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(* A Jaisinh Release)

KASHMIR HINDUS AND MUSLIMS WILL MARCH TOGETHER

No Outside Interference With Plebiscite Will Be Tolerated, Says Sheikh Abdullah

JAMMU, MARCH 15. (API)—ADDRESSING A LARGE PUBLIC MEETING AT UDHAMPUR TODAY, SHEIKH MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH, PRIME MINISTER OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR STATE, REFERRED TO THE IDEA OF ZONAL PLEBISCITE IN JAMMU AND SAID THAT THE FOUR MILLION HINDUS AND MUSLIMS OF THE STATE WOULD MARCH TOGETHER AND WOULD DO OR DIE IN THE COMMON CAUSE.

Sheikh Abdullah assured the Hindus of Jammu that the Kashmir Musalmans were with them and would continue to live with them and share their fate.

Sheikh Abdullah said that during the fateful days when Pakistan raiders carried fire and sword to every Sikh and Hindu home, it was the Kashmir Muslims who at the risk of their own lives saved Hindu families

NO DOMINATION OVER JAMMU PEOPLE

Sheikh Abdullah referred to the propaganda carried on by certain persons that Kashmir Muslims were trying to dominate the people of Jammu, and said that under the new Kashmir that he was determined to create no outside influence would be tolerated. The people of Jammu would have to rule themselves, he added.

Declaring that Jammu and Kashmir should march together, Sheikh Abdullah said "I do not want your money nor do I want to dominate or rule over you. All that I beg of you is your affection and request you to live together in amity. It is not enough if you shout Gandhiji's or Panditji's name, but you should emulate them and follow their path of love, which alone would bring harmony and happiness among Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs of the State".

NO OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE

Sheikh Abdullah referred to the forthcoming plebiscite and said that the 40 lakh people of Jammu and Kashmir alone had to cast their votes on their future and no outside interference would be tolerated. He assured them that if they stood united not even international bodies could stand in the way of their permanent accession to India.

Sheikh Abdullah appealed to the people to help the Government in rehabilitation of a large number of refugees and said there would not be plebiscite until all refugees in different camps were rehabilitated in their old homes. Unless those refugees were peaceful they would not be able to exercise their free vote, he added.

Sheikh Abdullah, who completed his tour of the border areas of Kathua and Samba, is now touring Udhampur Burmnagar and near-by areas.

JAMIAT TO GIVE UP POLITICS

Members Asked To Join Congress

BAREILLY, March 15 (UPI)—The decision to give up political activities and devote all its energies to the welfare of poor Muslim masses was tentatively taken by the Jamait-ul-Ulema-i Hind conference which concluded here after three days' session.

The above decision, which was declared by Hifzur Rahman, General Secretary of the All-India Jamiat Conference, at the conference, was received with great acclamation by all present.

The conference further decided that all members of the Jamiat should join Congress and should not participate in the elections from Jamiat platform.

The Jamiat conference unequivocally opposed the division of Kashmir.

BASWAN SINGH'S FAST

J. P. Narain's Appeal To People Of Bihar

PATNA, March 14. (A.P.I.): Mr. Jaiprakash Narayan, General Secretary of the Socialist Party, has issued an appeal to the people of Bihar drawing their attention to the condition of Mr. Basawan Singh a Socialist Labour leader who is on an indefinite fast from March 8 in protest against the retrenchment of a large number of workers in the factories of the Rohtas Industries.

He urged the people of Bihar to see that such a valuable life is not put into jeopardy and his suffering is relived as soon as possible

Planning Underground Railway For Calcutta

CALCUTTA, March 15. (UPI)—The Government of West Bengal have appointed, it is learnt, an investigation commission to find out ways and means for implementing the Government's scheme of underground electric railways for the city of Calcutta.

The Commission, which comprises a group of French engineers, will begin work from May 1.

Besides making a general survey of the depth of the land, the commission will also give an estimate of the cost to be incurred on the scheme.

The Commission is expected to take a few months for the investigation.

10 KILLED IN RIOT AT SAHARANPUR

Curfew Imposed: 4 Persons Arrested

LUCKNOW, March 15 (API). Ten persons were killed and 23 injured in a communal riot at Saharanpur yesterday, according to a report received here.

Trouble started when a tonga suspected of carrying beef, was held up in a sector of the city. A crowd collected and indulged in throwing brickbats.

Some cases of looting and arson were also reported.

The local authorities took prompt measures and brought the situation under control within one hour. Curfew was imposed and police arrangements strengthened.

Fourteen persons were arrested and looted property was recovered from them.

Making Good Citizens Of Convicts

MADRAS, March 15, (UPI): "The policy of the Government with regard to administration of jails is to reform the convicts so that when they are released from jails they may become good citizens and lead a peaceful and industrial life", said Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Minister for Jails, speaking on certain demands under the head 'jails', in the Madras Assembly today.

The Minister referred to the activities of the Department and said that carpentry, hand paper making, textiles, quinine packing, manufacture of leather goods, coir manufacture wool spinning and blanket weaving, were some of the jail industries, the products of which catered mainly to the Departments of Government. The jail manufacture yielded an annual income of Rs. 11 lakhs and the estimated receipt for 1949-50 was Rs. 11.2 lakhs, he added.

The Minister also said that prisoners were given instruction in carpentry, tailoring, weaving, dyeing etc, which would be useful to them after their release from jails.

He disclosed that Government had a proposal to constitute a committee of officials and non-officials to inquire into jails administration and recommend measures calculated to improve the general lot of the prisoners.

After a short discussion, the demand was passed by the house.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS

Sealed Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following:

(1) Government Vegetable Dehydration Factory, Fatehgarh (U. P.)—Buildings only (without land) and Machinery. The Machinery is a complete unit having a capacity of Dehydrating 16 tons Onions or 32 tons Potatoes. (Tender No. DGD SR-4589 4 86/CPM-IV)

(2) Leakproof Linatex Flexible Pipes and Flexatex Pipes Manufacturing Plant with sundry equipment located at Quilon, South India. (Tender No. DGD. SR-43438/86/CPM-IV).

(3) Meat Dehydration Machinery such as Batch Type Dehydrators, Mincing Machines, Meat Cubing Machines and Meat Presses etc., located in M.D.Fs at Amritsar, Delhi Cantt., Poona, Agra and Patna. (Tender No. DGD SR-43725 /86/CPM-IV).

Tenders should be submitted in prescribed forms which can be had from Disposals Offices at New Delhi, Calcutta, Kanpur, Bombay and Madras at Rs. 5/- (non-refundable) for each of the three items in Cash Money Order.

Tender forms (non-transferable) contain full particulars of the items, instructions to tenderers, tender opening date, conditions of sale and inspection permit.

Tenders should be addressed to the Director-General of Disposals, CPM Directorate, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi and should reach him by 4 p.m. on April 18, 1949.

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Army Major Arrested

FOR ALLEGED MURDER OF MOULVI

SECUNDERABAD, March 15. (UPI)—Kartar Singh, a Major in the Army, has been arrested, along with another person, on the charge of murdering Moulvi Jalaluddin, the oldest resident of Bolarum.

The Moulvi was 115 years old. The murder is alleged to have been committed for money as the deceased was reported to have had Rs. 600 on his person.

INDIAN NEWS IN BRIEF

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) March 14 (API): A categorical statement that cotton control would not be lifted and that there would be no revision whatsoever in the prices of the current cotton crop was made to cotton interests of Raicur by Mr. T. B. Dala, Director of Raw Cotton, Government of India, yesterday.

Mr. Dalal was discussing matters relating to the present cotton control with a large gathering of representatives of cotton growers and ginning and pressing factories and merchants of Raichur.

RAJKOT, March 15 (API): A 300-ton landing craft has been lent for three months by the Saurashtra Government to Cutch administration for the removal of fodder bound for Cutch, accumulating in Saurashtra port of Navlakhi, it is learnt here.

The Government of India have given top priority for fodder for Cutch and daily 10 waggons are moving towards Saurashtra ports bound for Cutch. Most of hay is coming from Bhopal and Central Provinces and this has to be removed to Cutch within the next two or three months before monsoon sets in.

CALCUTTA DHOBIS FORM UNION, SERVES PATRONS NOTICE

CALCUTTA, (U.P.A.): It's expensive nowadays, if you happen to live in Calcutta, chiefly to the belief that cleanliness comes next to godliness.

The city's 'dhobis' have got together formed a labour union and served their patrons with notice that in future they must pay at the rate of Rs. 25 per hundred "pieces", or else...

A piece may mean anything from a lady's handkerchief to a five-yard 'saree'. The new rate represents a jump of some 400 per cent.

The alternatives are to do your own washing or go dirty. Many a middle-class housewife is getting to learn that a 'dhobi's' life is not quite as joyful as it might appear to be watching him smacking, with musical accompaniment, that favourite blouse to shreds.

Malabar Special Police For Laccadives

MADRAS, March 15 (API): A contingent of Malabar special police had been sent to the Laccadives Island on the Malabar Coast, some time ago for the maintenance of peace and order in that place, said Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, Leader of the House, in the Madras Assembly answering a question from a Muslim member.

The Minister, however, declined to give further particulars that prompted the Madras Government to send the special police force to the Island, and said it was not "in public interests" to give reasons for the step taken.

A Muslim member asked if the Laccadives had been peopled entirely by Muslims.

The Minister replied: "Yes, that is the whole difficulty."

Congress Candidates For Cutch Advisory Council

(From Our Correspondent)

BHUJ March 14:— The Secretary of Cutch Congress 'ad hoc' Committee, in the course of a statement says that after the issue of notification by the, Government of Cutch fixing date for the election of 3 members to the Advisory Council by municipality, the Committee invited presidents of various Taluka Congress Committees and 2 representatives from each municipality in Cutch, to meet the members of the 'ad hoc' Committee. All invitees assembled at Congress Bhavan, Bhuj to hold discussions. It was unanimously decided to leave the question of actual nomination to the 'ad hoc' Committee, which, having made its choice, have decided to put up Congress Candidates for all the 3 elective seats.

W. Bengal Assembly Passes Two Bills

CALCUTTA, March 15 (UPI): In a 30-minute session today the West Bengal Assembly passed two Government sponsored bills. They are the West Bengal Molasses Control Bill, 1949, and the Calcutta Improvement Amendment) Amending Bill, 1949

Both the bills were moved by the Premier Dr. B. C. Roy and passed without any dissenting vote.

Lakh Worth Stolen Property Recovered

CALCUTTA, March 15 (API): Jewellery and valuables worth over Rs. 100,000 and believed to be stolen property, were recovered by the railway termini stations at Howrah and Sealdah.

Three passengers, including a woman of the up Darjeeling Mail, in whose possession the articles were found, were detrained at Ranaghat, 46 miles from Calcutta and brought back to the City. The jewellery is believed to be part of the valuables stolen on Saturday last while they were being transferred to a waiting room at Howrah station by members of an East Bengal zamindar's family who had just arrived at the station.

Jubbulpore Letter

RIFT IN VINDHYA PRADESH CABINET

C.P. Land Tenure Order To Be Enforced From March 16

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, (By Air Mail)

The reports, which have been pouring here from various corners of the Vindhya Pradesh about the state of affairs prevailing there allege that the gulf between the public and Ministry is further widening and that a rift has also been created among the members of the Vindhya Cabinet itself and the Ministers have started to accuse each other for the present state of affairs and the slackness in the administration.

In certain areas of the Vindhya Pradesh, such as Tikamgarh, the people had protested against the levy of these taxes and reminded the Government the promise which was given by the Premier, Captain Avadhesh Pratal Singh to the effect that his Government would abolish the customs duty within two months.

The Congress dispute of the Vindhya Pradesh will be taken up for consideration and decision by the Working Committee of the All India Congress Committee on March 27 at Delhi.

AYURVEDIC VAIDYA SAMMELAN

The Mahakosal Ayurvedic Vaidya Sammelan has decided and announced to hold its third annual session in the third week of April next at Katni, in the Jubbulpore district. The organisers of the conference have requested H. E. Shri Mangaldas M. Pakvasa, the Governor of C. P. and Berar to inaugurate the session and have further urged the hon'ble Dr. W. S. Barlingay, Minister for Public Health C. P. and Berar to address the vaidyas.

CONGRESS ON FAST

Master Baldev Prasad, a veteran Congress worker of Saugor, has undertaken a week's fast since Monday last to atone for the acts of hooliganism which have been committed by some unknown miscreants in Saugor. There had taken place four cases of acid throwing in Saugor within a period of a fortnight, and the police had failed to trace out and apprehend the culprits. Shri Baldeva Prasad has been observing the fast to bring an end to this sort of incidents and further to persuade the culprits to surrender themselves to the authorities. Shri Baldeva Prasad's condition is causing anxiety.

The Government of C. P. and Berar have ordered that the C. P. States Land Tenure Order in its entirity will come into effect from March 16.

HARIJAN M.L.A'S BILL

Mahant Naindas, a Harijan M.L.A of C. P. has moved a Bill to amend the C. P. and Berar Scheduled Castes (Removal of Civil Disabilities) Act of 1947. The mover of the Bill has pointed out that "according to the prevailing social customs barbers, washermen and persons following similar professions, of the Hindu community refuse to serve a member of a Scheduled Caste merely on the ground that he is a member of the scheduled caste. The C.P. and Berar Scheduled Castes (Removal of Civil Disabilities) Act of 1947 is not adequate to safeguard the interest of members of the scheduled castes in this respect. The Bill seeks to amend the Act by removing the said social disabilities of the scheduled castes.

COMMUNIST ARRESTED

Shri Murarilal Dingsarey, a Press correspondent of Mandla, has been arrested and detained under the Public Safety Act at Mandla on the alleged charge of being a Communist. Shri Dongsarey had severed his connection from all the political parties and was in mourning owing to the death of his wife when he was arrested by the police.

TRAFFICKING IN CONTRABAND DRUGS

The Jubbulpore Railway Police have apprehended yesterday a passenger who had got down at Jubbulpore on the alleged charge of trafficking in contraband drugs. The suspect, it is stated, had arrived here from Malhar, and was carrying with him 337 tolas of ganj a (hemp). The suspect had unsuccessfully attempted to evade his arrest and was going away from the off-side of the train when he was spotted out by a constable and taken into the custody.

ATTEMPT TO DERAIL TRAIN

Some unknown persons had unsuccessfully attempted to derail the Jubbulpore-Bina passenger by placing some pieces of iron plates on the permanent tracks. But these obstacles were spotted and removed in time by the crew of an incoming goods train and the mischief was thus foiled. The incident is reported to have taken place on Thursday last between Jaruakheda and Khurai stations on the Katni-Bina section of the G.I.P Rly.

Calcutta Corporation Not To Function For Another Year

CALCUTTA, March 15 (API): The Government of West Bengal extended the period of supersession of the Corporation of Calcutta for a further period of one year from April 1, 1949, to March 31, 1950. The Corporation was originally superseded from 24th March, 1948, to 31st March, 1949.

The extension of the period of supersession has been made under the Corporation of Calcutta (Temporary Supersession) Amendment Act, which was passed by the Provincial Legislative Assembly recently.

In presenting this measure before the House the Premier of West Bengal, Dr. B. C Roy, had stated that on account of continued maladministration of the Corporation it was superseded upto 31st March, 1948, and placed under the charge of an Administrative Officer appointed by the Government.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE

Inquest Into Death Of British Aviator

KARACHI, March 14. (APD—Occupying the witness-box for an unbroken spell of nearly six and a half hours, Lieut-Col. Shah, Psychiatrist and civil surgeon of Karachi, today told the Magistrate Mr. A. L. Tobin, that the British aviator, Group Captain Neville Stack, was suffering from "anxiety state" before he met his death in a motor accident. Col. Shah had not concluded his evidence when the court rose for the day.

Witness said that he had framed his opinion after two hours' examination of Captain Stack, which disagreed with the suggestion made by the R.A.F. Doctor, Squadron Leader Peock, under whose care and treatment the patient was at the time, that he was "absolutely mad" or insane.

Today was the third day of the public inquest into the death of the former General Manager of the Orient Airways who was run over and killed by a motor truck on February 22 at Mauripur.

JAMIAT EXECUTIVE DELIBERATIONS

Draft Resolutions For Lucknow Session

NEW DSLHI, March 15, (A.P.I.): The two-day meeting of the Working Committee of the Jamiat-ul-ulema-i-Hind concluded its deliberations last nightfi Maulana Hussain Ahmad Madani presided. Besides members of the Working Committee, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Education Minister participated in the deliberations.

Resolutions which are to be moved at the next session of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-i-Hind were drafted and approved by the Committee. It is understood that one of the resolutions relates to the fundamental policy and future programme of the Jamiat.

The Committee passed condolence resolutions on the deaths of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. Syud Hossain Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Syed Abdullah Brelvi and Sir Akbar Hydari.

The next session of the Jamiat will be held in Lucknow on April 16, 17 and 18. Maulana Hussain Ahmed Madani has been unanimously elected President of the ssesion.

LONDON ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGIST

From Our Correspondent

RAJKOT, March 15. A London University Professor of Environmental Archaeology, who is on a citit to India in response to the Government of India's invitation recently conducted researches in the Sabarmati Valley in Gujarat in collaboration with Dr. Hasmukh D. Sankalia, Professor of Proto Indian and Ancient Indian History in the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute. Poona who had discovered the stone implements used by the early man in the Stone Age in the Sabarmati Valley off Langhanaj.

The stone-working perfected by the Neolithic man in the Sabarmati Valley marked a definite approach to modern civilisation, symbolised by the building of dwellings, the invention of pottery and weaving, the making of boats, the domestication of lower animals and the cultivation of crops. With an eye to the main chance determined by the humidity in the atmos- prevailing in Gujarat in the Stoue Age. During this millennium of utilitarian development early man was exclusively a food-gatherer, eating when and where he could. The economic environment, conditioned by climatic or nutritional circumstances, largely determined the social organisation of the primal horde, consisting of a closely inbreeding family.

Economic pressure led to the readjustments of the crop-production technique, which illustrated the ability of man and the adaptability plants. Subsistence farming ceased to be the problem of the family and the "grow more food" drive necessitated by the quick multiplication of humanity and its cattle resulted, as at present, in the cultivation of fallow land and to the improvident use of natural woodlands of Gujarat. Cyclic changes in the climate from humidity to dryness, diversified by sandstorms, served to stud what once was cultivable land with sand-dunes and to raise the level of river-beds as the sand in whirling clouds settled on them.

The London environmental archaeologist disclosed that the danger from drifting sand encroaching on the fertile alluvial soils of Gujarat still persisted. It was accordingly in the highest degree desirable to be forewarned and to embark vigorously on raising sand-binding plants like babul trees and aloes to ward off the not too remote peril of the arable lands of Gujarat and Kathiawar, situated on the outskirts of the Runn of Kutch, sharing the fate of the large populous territory in Tibet, which was buried beneath sandhills and was now known as the Takla Makan Desert.

"RESERVED FORESTS" FOR MADRAS

MADRAS, March 15. (UPI)—Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Minister for Agriculture moving the demand for a grant of Rs. 83,25,100 under the Head Forests in the Assembly today said that the Government had recognised the need for reserving about 20 per cent of the total acreage of the provinre as reserved forests. In doing so he said, the Government had been actuated by considerations such as ensuring the supply of fuel, provision of grazing facilities, climatic regions to attract rains, to prevent soil erosion, regulate the flow of water in tanks and rivers. The present area of reserved forests was only 12 per cent.

In order to achieve the target of 20 per cent, the Minister said, it had been decided to take over the management and regeneration of panchayat forests and to enforce strict control over private forests.

The demand for the Grant was voted by the assembly.

WHEN GOVERNMENT WITHHOLDS ADVERTISEMENTS

Information Minister Explains Policy During Question Hour In Assembly

MADRAS, March 15, (A.P.I.): The Madras Government's policy about the supply of advertisements to newspapers and journals was explained by the Information Minister Mr. M. Bakthavatsalam, at question time in the Assembly today.

The Government, he said, did not give advertisements to newspapers for patronage nor did they stipulate any code of conduct to be observed by journals receiving advertisements from them. However, he said, in view of the slender finances at the disposal of the Government for advertising purposes they had to use their discretion and make a choice in giving advertisements to the Press for instance, papers which chose to publish incorrect and misleading reports of Governmental activity and which withheld publication of contradictions issued by the Government to such reports were excluded from the list of journals maintained by the Government for giving advertisements and other privileges.

Earlier the Minister told the House that the Government had excluded the 'Bharat Devi" a Tamil daily of Madras from the list of newspapers eligible for Government press "communiques" and advertisements. The paper, he said, published an incorrect report in the editorial column about the conduct of the Premier in refusing to interview the then Chief Justice of Madras. A contradiction issued by the Premier was not published by the people despite repeated rement had withdrawn the usual Press privileges allowed to the paper.

DRESS STANDARDS IN MADRAS ASSEMBLY

Commons Speaker Quoted

MADRAS March 15, (U.P.I.): The question regarding the dress which members of the Assembly should wear while attending the Assembly sittings was raised in the Madras Legislative Assembly today and there was a lively discussion on the issue.

The question was raised on account of the fact that three members of the Congress Party are usually attending the Assembly without a shirt and only with a Dhoti and an upper cloth.

After the question hour, the Yuvaraja of Pithapuram, on a point of order, wanted to know from the Speaker the proper dress for members in view of the sartorial fashions in the House".

Mr. Gopala Reddy, Leader of the House, said that there could be no unanimity in regard to dress as Hindus and Muslims dressed in different fashions. He said: "I am afraid that we cannot attain any unanimity of dress and it will be too premature to prescribe any standards of dress. Any decent dress, therefore, will be welcome."

WHAT COMMONS SPEAKER SAID

The speaker, Mr. J. Sivashanmugam Pillai, expressing his views on the matter said that the dress of members depended upon the climate of the country, its civilisation and the aptitude and temperament of the people In this connection he read out cable received from the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir D. Clifton Brown, which ran as follows.

Members attend in suits which include at least a jacket and trousers. I hope dress presumably varies with climate. Minimum standards should be fixed by the good sense of the Assembly and if necessary regulated by Standard Orders."

At the end, the speaker said that if, however, the Leader of the House desired to bring a motion regarding this question, he would appoint a Committee to go into the matter.

TRAVANCORE-COCHIN MERGER

Official Announcement In April

MADRAS, March 14, (A.P.I.): The Government of India's official announcement on the merger of Travancore and Cochin is expected to be announced by the first week of April Associated Press of India authoritatively learnt today.

It is understood that Travancore and Cochin Ministers will be leaving for Delhi by the end of this month to meet Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister before he takes a final decision on the matter. It is expected that an announcement will be made from Delhi by April 4, before the States Ministers leave Delhi.

"Flower Day"

SIMLA, (By Mail).

"We appeal to our people in East Punjab to observe Thursday, the 31st March 1949, as a "Flower Day". The object is to collect funds on that day to be utilised for the relief of the suffering children, adolescents and expectant and nursing mothers," said His Excellency Shri Chandulal Trivedi, Governor East Punjab, Shrimati Kusum Trivedi and the Hon'ble Premier Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, in a joint appeal to the people of the province.

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Lusitanian's And Kirkeeans Triumph

SAXBY'S HAT-TRICK IN PROVINCIAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Lusitanian's "A" and the Kirkeeans entered the next round in the tournament proper of the Provincial Hockey Championship. Lusitanian's "A" beat I.A.M.C. (Poona) by four goals to nil. Saxby scored the last three goals thus performing a hat-trick. The second time in this tournament Kirkeeans prevailed over Goans Sports "A" by the odd goal in three. Both goals for the Kirkeeans were registered by Arnold Pacheco, who was outstanding in the Poona side.

The Indian Army Medical Corps, the hard-hitting outfit from Poona started the game with a spell of pressure on the Lusitanian goal while the latter were still finding their feet. In the tenth minute the Lusis broke away and a lovely centre by Woodcock saw Louis Vas connect the ball right in front of the goal mouth and beat Hubert with a light tap.

An accident occurred to Clarence Medical Corps left inner, for in an attempt to intercept a pass, he rushed forward and Walter D'Souza who attempted a first time Clarence cleared dangerously the ball which hit Clarence on the head and he had to leave the field for medical attention. At this period in the game the Medicals were giving to Lusis defence the works and they forced two penalty corners which proved fruitless.

Transferring play, Hector Boccarro, the Lusis left outer made a fine attempt single handed, but scooped rather late and the ball rolled over the cross bar. Then on another occasion Woodcock gave Saxby a good pass but Saxby shot wide. Lusis passed the first period with a lead of one goal.

Clarence, who was injured returned to resume the fray on resumption of the second half. Lusitanian's resumed their offensive and a pass from Louis Vas went abegging. Then a pass from Bocarro, was missed by Woodcock who was well placed, but soon the Lusitanians went further ahead when from close in Saxby pushed into goal off a pass from Woodcock.

Midway through the second period both goals had narrow escapes, but for the Medicals Hubert saved well. On the other side Menezes brought off a grand save. Lusitanians, who were now two up continued to attack and several scoring opportunities were wasted. Some brilliant saves were also affected by goalkeeper Hubert who has a habit of leaving his charge often.

In the twentieth minute of play Saxby put the Lusitanians further ahead with a grand goal and a few minutes later he put his side further ahead when Woodcock passed ahead and Saxby, who appeared off-side beat the goalie and scored his sides fourth goal and had the honour of performing the hat-trick.

Lusitanians won by four clear goals, but I.A.M.C. deserve credit for the splendid performance put up against a much better team.

The teams:—

LUSITANIAN'S 'A':—S. Menezes, S Dias, W. D'Souza; F. Gama, P D'Souza, M. Vaz; L. Vaz, L. Woodcock, A. Saxby, J. Rodrigues, H Bocarro.

I.A.M.C.:—Hubert; Shaw, Piare Lal, Karnail Singh, Pindi Das; R. Singh, Hanif, Jerome, Badrinath, Clarence, Rattan Singh.

Umpires: Vishwanathan and Scott.

Kirkeeans playing for the first time in the Provincial Hockey Tournament managed to get the better of Goan S.C. "A" by an odd goal in three verdict.

The Kirkeeans took some time to settle down and Goan's Sports were presented with a good scoring opportunity, but a defender foiled Anthony Bragariza badly. Kirkeeans thereafter, were having a better share of the exchanges and M. Pillay at right in and Pacheco proved dangers to the Goans defence.

It was the inspired Pacheco who put the Kirkeeans in the lead through a fine solo run from the middle of the field. He drew goalkeeper Walter D'Souza out of his charge and scored in the twentieth minute of play, but within a minute Anthony Braganza, taking advantage of a lapse on the part of right full back Adalge, scored the equalizer for the Goans.

Neither side had any advantage at half time and with the score one all it looked liked any one's game. Goan Sports resumed the offensive and made attempts but Lingani was outstanding and cleared well. Kirkee's goal escaped, but now Goan Sports were put on the defensive and Sheikh Dada was given a fine forward pass by Pillay, but Walter D'Souza, the goalkeeper rushed well in time and cleared.

Kirkee were rather in a tight corner for sometime as their goal missed on two occasions. On the first occasion Anthony Braganza taking hold of the ball outside the circle rushed in and drew the goalie out, but the on rushing goalkeeper managed to get his pads to the ball in falling flat. A minute, later Caesar Gomes, the Goan's outside right sent in a fine shot, after cutting into the semi-circle which goalkeeper Phillips saved, but Fenelon Almeida got hold of the rebound but shot high above the bar.

In the twentieth minute of the second half Kirkee should have gone ahead from a free hit by Yousuf near the circle, the ball having travelled to left extreme was nicely passed by him to Pacheco, who losing his balance shot, but way above the cross-bar.

Kirkeeans went into the lead once again in the twenty-third minute of play in this second priod off a free hit which Dada banged hard in, but it got a defenders stick and was travelling slowly, when Arnold Pacheco seized the opportunity, rushed forward and pushed into an untenanted goal to goalie having rushed to clear the ball.

A penalty corner opportunity came the Goan's Sports way but they failed to take advantage, but the Kirkeeans tried to improve and consolidate their position. Twice Arnold Pacheco missed once with a poor shot and as second time he missed badly. Kirkeeans prevailed by the odd goal in three.

The Teams:—

KIRKEEANS:—Phillips; Adalge, Lingani; Yousuf, Diago, Metello, T. Pillay, M. Pillay, Dada, A. Pacheco, Ameer Khan.

GOANS S.C. 'A':—W. D'Souza; J. D'Souza, G. D'Costa; S. D'Souza, C. Fernandes, C. Pereira; C. Gomes, F. Almeida, E. Correia, A. Braganza, J. Carvalho.

Umpires: Lelio and Abraham.

Miss Rhoda Shroff Wins Quarter-Final

WOMEN'S BILLIARD IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Tuesday:

Miss Rhoda Shroff won her quarter-final round of the Women's Open Billiard Tournament this evening, when she beat the popular P.V.M. Secretary, Miss D. S. Bastavala.

Getting an initial advantage of 60 points, Miss Bastavala was—30, and she was plus 30, Miss Rhoda maintained the same difference right till the end, when she lost by 200 points to 122.

From breaks of over 10 were scored by Miss Shroff, while Miss Bastavala had to her credit the biggest break of the evening that of 14. Miss Shroff made two breaks of 13, and two more of 10 each.

The result was as follows:—

Miss Rhoda Shroff (plus 30) beat Miss D. S. Bastavala (minus 30), 200—122.

Today's Match

5-30 p.m. Mrs. Pathare vs. Miss Mary Chichgar.

A.I.R. To Broadcast Hockey Final

NEW DELHI, March 15 (A.P.I.): A running commentary on the finals of the National Hockey Championships being held at the Lady Hardinge Grounds, New Delhi, on March 16, will be broadcast, from A.I.R. New Delhi, from 4-0 p.m. onwards on 338.6, 41.15 and 434.8 meters.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

3-30 p.m. Dufferin vs. St. Sebastian's (School's League).

4-30 p.m. Tata "A" vs. B.B & C.I Rly. "A".

5-30 p.m. Kirkee vs. Times "A"

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BILLIARDS

P.V.M. Gymkhana

5-30 p.m. Women's Open Billiard Tournament.

INVITATION HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Good Upcountry Teams Included In Draw

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

An Invitation Hockey Tournament for the M. K. Rao Cup will be played on the Bombay Gymkhana Ground commencing on Monday, 21st March 1949.

Several up-country teams who are making the trip for the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament have been invited to participate and Bombay Hockey fans will have the pleasure of seeing Bhopal, the Punjab Police, Khalsa Club from Delhi, Nagpur, Maharashtra and the Hindustan Aircraft from Bangalore give them a really good treat. Of course, Bombay's crack teams will try to maintain their reputation, which was badly lowered by the Bombay side at Delhi.

The following is the draw:—

First Half:—Hindustan Aircraft (Bye), Lusitanian's vs Nagpur, St. Xavier's vs Maharashtra, Khalsa Club (Delhi) Bye.

Second Half:—Bhopal (Bye), Services XI vs. Tata S.C.; Goan S.C. vs Times of India Punjab Police (Bye).

M.C.C.'S INNINGS VICTORY IN FINAL MATCH

CAPETOWN, March 15. (PTI-Reuter): Unbeaten MCC completed their successful tour of South Africa today with an easy win over Combined Universities by an innings and 52 runs.

They are the first MCC side to go through a tour undefeated since Walter Hammonds Team did so in South Africa in 1938/39.

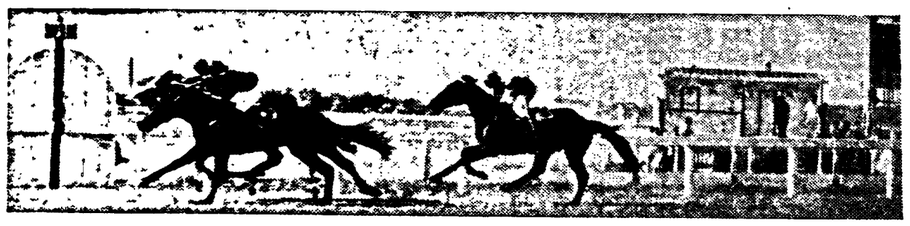
Combined Universities, forced to follow-on 203 runs behind, began well in their second innings with an opening stand of 44, but collapsed in the face of some good spin bowling by Denis Compton and Douglas Wright and were all out for 151.

Compton claimed six wickets for 62 and Wright four for 52. Opening batsman J. Nel was top scorer with 37.

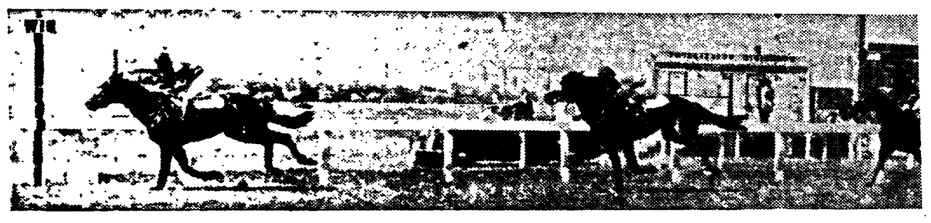
Earlier in the day the Universities had failed by 54 runs to avert the follow on, being all out for 274 in reply to MCC's 477. They lost their two remaining wickets for the addition of eight runs to the overnight score.

The MCC played 23 matches on the tour winning 11, including two tests.

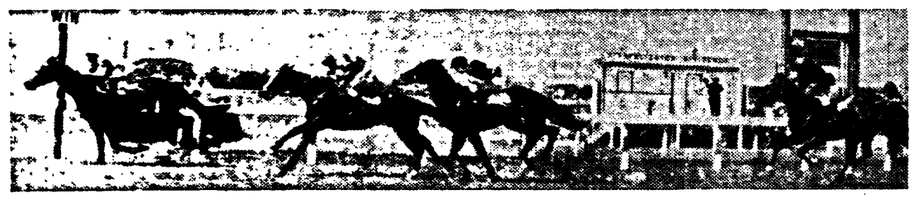
EXTRA DAY'S RACING IN BOMBAY



Two joint first-favourites deadheated in the First Division of the Relief Plate at Mahalaxmi yesterday. On the outside is Rao Saheb Parker's "Aarzu", while on the rails is "Lady Doctor". A good third was a Ryland-trained animal "London Tan".



Welfare Plate (Div. I) resulted in a comfortable victory for "Full Poppy (R. Bhosle). "Fouzia" and "Gipsy Flower" finished second and third respectively.



The opening event yesterday, the Relief Plate (Div. II) over six furlongs was won by the start-to-finish horse "Gang Bhup" who easily beat "Georgette", and the "Conqueror."

BOMBAY RACES

Objections Mar The Day's Proceedings

HER EXCELLENCY AVENGES DEFEAT

By Our Racing Correspondent

BOMBAY, TUESDAY:

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS ONLY A SOLITARY THREE-FIGURE DIVIDEND WINNER DURING THE PROGRAMME, PUNTERS DID NOT FARE SO WELL AS EXPECTED WHEN THE SPECIAL CHARITY MEETING WAS HELD TODAY AT MAHALUXMI.

Three objections in succession marred the day's sport. The first and the second in the second division of the Welfare Plate and the first division of the Relief Plate respectively were frivolous while that raised in the Gujerat Plate had good reasons. The stewards quickly overruled the first and second objections and the third one also was overruled but after a lengthly enquiry. In the Gujerat Plate Cocktop and Rana Pratap were the last to leave the barrier. The former gradually made up ground and below the distance Medhe had him in the lead, placed on the rails. Rana Pratap also with a devastating run, engaged the leader in a gruelling struggle, Roberts making the maximum use of his whip and Medhe on Cocktop was not only scared but slashed and apparently it made all the shirt-head difference.

Coming with a splendid late run, Some Treasure held comfortably. Mubarak who, with the impost led for well over eleven furlongs. Post Master was a poor third and fourth-placed Mimizan was limping after the race. The heavily supported Quick Sand chased Mubarak till the second enclosure and gave up the fray thereafter as some thing went wrong with his saddle.

Rao Saheb Parker's Aarzu and Mr. Abid Doctor's Lady Doctor passed the winning post locked together and necessitated the Judge to award the dead-heat. Onlookers were quite surprised to see the red cone go up after the race. Aarzu who disappointed his connections in the past, kept a straight course and also came from behind today.

The controversial Her Excellency avenged her last Saturday's defeat when winning by a neck, coming with a splendid late charge, Khade on her back in the day's last event.

Buckley saddled one more double through Rana Pratap and Some Treasure while among jockeys Khade alone achieved a double.

There were 63 tickets on the treble event pool. Each ticket returned Rs. 2008.

The following are the results:—

THE RELIEF PLATE (Div. "II)—6 Furlongs.

GANG BHUP 9-0 Shaikh	1
GEORGETTE 8-11 N. Dar	2
THE CONQUEROR 9-0 Summersingh	3
POLDO 9-0 Medhe	4

Won by 1 1/4l, Nk., 2 1/2l.
Time: 1min. 16 4-5secs.
Not run: Sweet Love, True Love, Sparkling Star, Nynon.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 51, Places Rs. 15, 12 and 14.

THE WELFARE PLATE (Div. I)—5 Furlongs.

FULL POPPY 8-12 R. Bhosle ..	1
FOWZIA 9-0 Pierce	2
GIPSY FLOWER 9-0 B. Khade ..	3
DUCHESS OF RAMGARH 8-0 Tasi	4

Won by 2 1/4l, 2 1/2l, 3 1/2l.
Time: 1min. 4secs.
Not run: On and On.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 41. Places Rs. 15, 18 and 17.

THE WELFARE PLATE (Div. II).—5 Furlongs.

SHAHISTAH 8-7 Magansingh ..	1
ICY HOT 8-12 Amir Ahmed	2
LALKAR 8-9 Dinkar	3
FLASH ENA 8-9 N. Dar	4

Won by 1l, 1 3/4l, 1 1/2l.
Time: 1min. 4 3-5secs.
Not run: Lakshmi Devi, Eileen.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 132. Places Rs. 33, 15 and Rs. 30.

THE RELIEF PLATE Div. I)—6 Furlongs.

AARZU 9-0 S. Chavan	1
LADY DOCTOR 8-11 P. Khade ..	1
SUMMER LIGHTNING 9-0 N. Dar	3
RUSTUM 9-0 Mhd. Khan	4

D-ht., 1 1/2l, 5l.
Time: 1min. 17 4-5secs.
Not run: Zalim.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 20, 21. Places Rs. 15, 15 and 31.

THE GUJERAT PLATE—1 Mile.

RANA PRATAP 7-13 Roberts ..	1
COCKTOP 8-8 Medhe	2
CHIN-UP 8-10 P. Khade	3
PARAMOUNT POWER 7-8 Sk Ahd.	4

Won by Shd., 2 1/4l, Shd.
Time: 1min. 40 4-5secs.
All ran.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 26. Places Rs. 12, 13 and 13.

THE CATTLE PLATE—1 1/4 Miles.

PROSPERO 8-4 Medhe.....	1
NASRULLAH 8-2 P. Khade	2
SAITA 8-13 Cunningham	3
RANG RAO 8-1 Kadam	4

Won by 1l, 3l, 3l.
Time: 2mins. 9 2-5secs.
Not run: Nirvana.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 63. Places Rs. 22, 20 and 38.

THE BOMBAY CITY PLATE—1 1/2 Miles.

SOME TREASURE 8-6 Duffy ..	1
MUBARAK 9-2 S. Chavan	2
POST MASTER 8-0 P. Khade ..	3
MIMIZAN 8-9 Mitchel	4

Won by 1l, 6l, 6l.
Time: 2mins. 39 2-5secs.
Not run: Jawahir, Oriental Spotlight.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 68. Places Rs. 18, 13 and 12.

THE CHILDREN PLATE—1 1/4 Miles.

HER EXCELLENCY 8-7 P. Khade	1
ADORABLE 7-11 Shaikh	2
BRILLIANT SUNSHINE 8-7 S. Chavan	3
GINGER LADY 8-5 Kheemsingh	4

Not run: Galatea, Yipee.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 33. Places Rs. 15, 27 and 22.

Madras Owners And Trainers Form Association

MADRAS, March 15 (A.P.I.): An Association called "The South India Racehorse Owners' and Trainers' Association" was formed at the Madras Race Club yesterday to safeguard the interests of Owners and Trainers of racehorses in South India.

The aims of the Association include betterment of racing, promotion of the interests of members and collections of books, journals and periodicals on racing and horse breeding.

The Raja of Ramnad was elected President, Mr. S. W. Edwards, Vice-President and Mr. G. Narsimhan, Secretary of the Association.

SOME TREASURE WINS CHIEF EVENT

The chief event of the extra meeting held yesterday—the Bombay City Plate—was won by "Some Treasure", who is seen above being led at the conclusion of the gruelling mile and a half.

University Boat Race Preparations

LONDON, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): Cambridge showed improved form today when they continued their final preparation for the University Boat Race on March 26.

They showed better rhythm and covered much more water than in previous outings. They seem now to have nearly approached Oxford in poise and swing, although they still lag behind in the rate of striking.

Oxford will re-start serious training tomorrow. Although now fully recovered from the indisposition of last week-end, the crew are still doing only light work.

U.S.A. HONOURS ITS SPORTSWOMEN

NEW YORK, March 15 (PTI-Reuter) Miss Louise Brough, Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Champion, and Miss Zoe Ann Olsen, Olympic Diver, have been honoured for their contributions to sport and friendship between nations.

Both are well known in Europe and the citation accompanying the service bowl which Mrs. Hazel Wightman presented to Miss Brough, said that she had given more than anyone to the game and also to friendship among all tennis playing nations.

Miss Brough is one of the three outstanding women players since the War and is expected to carry all before her this summer.

Miss Olsen, only 17 years of age, was voted to her pedestal by students at the Oakland High School, where she was regarded as so outstanding a personality that the students initiated an annual award and made Miss Olsen the first holder.

SCHOOL'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

Don Bosco's Solitary Goal Victory

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Don Bosco's beat St. Sebastian's in the School's Hockey League by a solitary goal scored by Cedric D'Souza in the first half of play.

The schools playing now well after the tournament having advanced well. Both sides were well matched by Don Bosco's, who are much more experienced trimphed.

Oxford Record Broken

CAMBRIDGE 'VARSITY'S ACHIEVEMENT IN BOAT RACE PRACTICE

LONDON, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): Cambridge University broke an Oxford record when practice for the boat race was continued this afternoon.

After paddling up river and then turning to paddle to the mile post they were set to row from the mile post to Putney Bridge. Starting off at a rate of 35 strokes they rowed 32 for the next three minutes and paced by a Westminster School Eight, spurted up to 40 before finishing at 38 and covering the distance in four minutes 22 seconds. That beat by three seconds the time set up as a record by Oxford for the same distance twelve years ago.

Oxford had only light work this afternoon but they covered from Hammersmith Bridge to the mile post in two minutes 57 seconds which was three seconds outside record for the journey.

Complete Sweep Of Test Selection Committee

LONDON, March 15. (PTI-Reuter): Almost a complete sweep of the Test Selection Committee was made at Lords today when a meeting of the Board of Control of Test Matches at home took place.

Compared with last year only group Captain A. J. Holmes, the Chairman, retains his position. New comers to the Committee are Tom Pearce (Essex), A. B. Sellers (Yorkshire) and A. E. S. Wyatt (Worcestershire). They, together with the captain, who when appointed will be coopted, have the task of choosing the England teams to meet New Zealand this summer.

"THE DON" DUBBED A KNIGHT

MELBOURNE, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): "The Don' formally became "Sir Donald Bradman" today, when the famous cricketer, whose Knighthood was announced in the New Year's Honours List, received the Accolade from Governor-General William, J. McKell at Victoria's State Parliament House here.

Fivehundred guests witnessed the ceremony.

After the Governor-General had commanded Bradman to "arise Sir Donald," the two men, smiling broadly, shook hands and G. G. McKell offered his congratulations.

Popularity Of Yachting In Britain Re-Affirmed

LONDON, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): The popularity of Yachting was shown by the Yacht Racing Association's annual meeting, when it was announced that 426 Clubs and individual members joined during 1948. This number included many from Commonwealth and other countries and there can be no doubt that plenty of healthy international rivalry exists in the Yachting world of the present day.

Some members felt the present day functions of the Associations demanded a change of name for the Ruling Body and several new names were put forward but the proposals were defeated and so the title of Yacht Racing Association remain.

M. R. AMLADI'S CENTURY IN SHIELD CRICKET

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The final match of the I.K.B.C.C. Shield, conducted by the Karnatak Sporting Association, continued today between Canara Welfare Cricketers and the National Cricket Club at the Cross Maidan.

National Cricket Club, with their previous total of 9 for 2 wickets, resumed their innings and were all out for 243. A bright century by M. R. Amladi, who scored his 103 runs in 135 minutes, was the most outstanding feature of this inning.

Canara Welfare Cricketers, in their second knock had lost four wickets for 104 runs. M. S. Shetty and S. B. Puthran remained unbeaten with 75 and 3 respectively to their credit.

The following were the results:—

Canara Welfare Cricketers 237 and 104 for 4 (M. S. Shetty batting 75).

National Cricket Club 243 (M. R. Amladi 103, D. M. Mandon 67, Victor Dias 39, G. Ramsunder 4 for 62, M. S. Shetty 3 for 59).

The match will be continued on Sunday, the 20th instant on the same ground.

Cricket Secretaries Meeting On Monday

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A Meeting of Cricket Secretaries of all the Clubs in Bombay will be held on Monday, the 28th March, 1949 at 5-45 P.M. at Governor's Pavilion, The Cricket Club of India, Ltd., for arranging Cricket Fixtures for the ensuing Cricket Season.

All the Cricket Secretaries are requested to attend the same.

Former Chicago White Sox Player Dead

CHICAGO, March 15 (UPA): Chalmers "Bill" Cissell, 45, former Chicago White Sox shortstop, died today.

Cissell, for whom the Sox once paid 123,000 dollars in cash, was hospitalized January 16 after he was found destitute in a small apartment where he lived with his son, Gary, 13, suffering from malnutrition and a nerve condition in the legs which prevented him from walking.

Hague R. T. C. On Indonesia

NO RESTRICTION ON COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS

THE HAGUE, March 15 PTI-Reuter): Dutch Government source today denied Batavia press report that "The Hague had proposed that separate Indonesian Federalist and Republican delegations should represent Indonesia at the forthcoming Round Table Conference.

The Batavia Chinese daily paper "Keng Po", quoting a Federalist delegation spokesman, said today there would be one Indonesian delegation and not separate representation "as proposed by The Hague".

A Dutch Government spokesman at The Hague said there was absolutely no restrictions on the composition of the delegations. Republicans and Federalists were free to make whatever arrangements they liked, and if they could agree on a single delegation the Dutch would welcome it.

Official sources felt, however, that no combined delegation plan was practicable in view of existing differences, and the Dutch Government has certainly not made any such proposal.

When invitations to the Conference were issued on February 26, the Dutch considered there would be five delegations, representing the Dutch Cabinet, the Dutch Antilles and Surinam, the Republicans, the Federalists, and Indonesian minority groups.

Stikker Confers With Bevin

LONDON, March 15 (UPA): Dutch Foreign Minister D. U. Stikker and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin have conferred on the Indonesian situation here, reliable sources said today.

It was believed that Bevin pressed for immediate release by the Dutch of Indonesian Republican leaders and the granting of full independence to the Republic of Indonesia.

Stikker currently in London for the conference of Western European Union Foreign Ministers, talked with Bevin privately on Indonesian problems, informants said.

Sources believed that Bevin told Stikker that the Dutch decision to transfer sovereignty to the Republicans by May 1 was wise, but that the gesture had lost meaning to the peoples of Asia as long as Republican leaders were held in custody.

The Republicans, including most of the Cabinet members of the infant Indonesian Government have been held on Bangka island in the East Indies since the Dutch began their "police action" in Java.

Israel's Separate Armistice Talks

RHODES, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): Israel was resuming separate armistice talks with Transjordan and the Lebanon today. Negotiations with Transjordan were resuming hereafter a temporary halt while Acting Mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche worked out a compromise on the problem of Armistice lines for Jerusalem.

Rouvain Shiloah head of the Israeli Delegation, was returning from Tel Aviv consultations for today's meeting.

The Israel Lebanese talks were resuming at Ras El Nakura, on the frontier between the two countries, in the presence of Brigadier General William Riley United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine and Dr. Henry Vigier Personal Representative of Dr. Bunche.

Brigadier Riley, halting at Damascus last night on his way to the talks said the Israeli Lebanese negotiations were 'not proceeding as expected.

A. I. R. F.'S MEMORANDUM TO GOVT.

MADRAS, March 5 (U.P.I.): Mr. Guruswami, General Secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, has, on behalf of the Federation, submitted a memorandum to the Ministry of States Finances enquiry Committee urging the immediate desirability of the Indian Railway Board taking over the management of all the Indian States Railways.

The memorandum says that the existence of independent Indian states railway systems can no longer be justified in the contect of the present situation in the country. The railways under the management of the Indian states, it adds, are of strategic importance and should be therefore directly administered by the Government of India. The continuance of the present separate systems will hinder the economic progress of the country and the development of ports. "It is a danger to the workers and an obstacle to a rational regrouping of the Indian railway system and a potential menace to the defence of the country itself".

The memorandum further says: "there are four class I railways, seven class II railways and four class III railways owned and managed by the Indian states. It will be observed that the Indian states railways control a mileage of nearly 5,500 miles and employ more than 60,000 workers and the capital outlay on the Indian states" lines is about 51.5 crores.

KARACHI, March 15. (U.P.I.): Dr. E. W. Dutschler, the Swiss Trade Commissioner in Bombay, is arriving in Karachi shortly to explore the scope for the promotion of trade relations between the Pakistan and Switzerland, according to the Swiss consulate here.

The Bombay Chronicle

Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion is more in love with his own opinion than with truth.

—T. WATSON

COUNSEL'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is the duty of the judge in a trial to secure all the relevant facts of the case and it is the responsibility of counsel on either side to see that everything that has a bearing on the issue before the court is brought out. The Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Bhagwati of the Bombay High Court were constrained to draw pointed attention to these obligations of the legal profession on Monday when they considered an appeal from the judgment of Mr. M. V. Desai. In the words of the Chief Justice, "the learned judge definitely descended in the arena...and the Counsel who appeared for the parties had not taken the trouble to see that the record was properly completed. Apparently counsel, feeling that the tendency of the Judge lay in a particular direction, submitted to that tendency and did not take the trouble to ask the necessary questions in the examination-in-chief or in cross-examination." Mr. Justice Chagla went on to remind lawyers of the high tradition of the Bombay Bar and of their duties to their clients.

It is gravely significant of the dangers that confront litigants that such a warning should be deemed necessary. In fact, it is so much the care of jurists to guard against any case going by default that provision has even been made to defend those who are without the resources or opportunity to engage counsel for themselves. The duties of Judge and Counsel for the parties are clearly defined and, as a rule, there is strict adherence to the limitations set on each of these functionaries. The Judges often pull up lawyers who try to influence the verdict through leading questions. While there has been no method by which Judges can be restrained from imparting bias to proceedings there are safeguards in the rules of procedure which exercise a healthy influence. The Chief Justice has pointed out the way in which Counsel by adhering to established procedure, might restrain over-zealous judges. Nor should it be forgotten that in an extreme necessity, Counsel can always ask for a transfer to some other Court on the ground that the trying judge is biased. It is interesting to note that the revelations which startled the Chief Justice into comment, came out because of insufficient recording on the case.

Mr. Justice Chagla made a strong plea for Counsel not watching the mood or bias of the magistrate. The lawyer, he observed, had a duty to his client. It is well that this reminder has come from the highest tribunal in in the province. Far too often, the Counsel appear to be conferring a favour by appearing for the men who fee them. And the intricacies of legal procedure serve to restrain litigants from asserting themselves. In the last analysis, as their lordships pointed out, the whole matter depends on the integrity and conscientiousness of the Bar. The observations of the Chief Justice, calling as they do on the lawyers to stand by their rights and insist on the due processes of the Law, should go a long way in correcting conditions and infusing a greater responsibility even in the Judiciary. In any deviation from the usual, it is the public that suffers and the corrective now administered by the Bombay High Court should bring relief to the ordinary citizen.

Stimulating Cloth Production

Inaugurating the sixth session of the All-India Textile Conference in the city on Monday, Mr. B. G. Kher briefly reviewed the progress and the present position of the textile industry in the country and reiterated the familiar appeal to the millowners to explore all means to increase cloth production. He also expressed the hope that the industry would in the near future achieve the National Planning Committee's programme to raise the per capita consumption of cloth in India from the present average of 12½ yards to 18 yards and also to export 1350 million yards. This is not an impossible target if all concerned play their part earnestly and in particular, if the Government carries out soon its programme of increasing the number of spindles by about 25 per cent with a corresponding increase in looms. It may be comparatively easy to carry out the export programme if it is not made conditional on the prior fulfilment of the indigenous demand. Even in 1948 we could export about 185 million yards. Some exports are necessary to retain old markets or capture new promising ones. But the needs of the Indian people should, of course, be met first. In any case, the present production needs to be considerably increased.

In 1948, the production was about 4,500 million yards, being the best since 1945, and it compares very favourably with the figure for the previous year, namely 3,973 million yards. The improvement was due mainly to the abatement of strikes and lockouts. If industrial peace is continued and Government control is wisely enforced, the programme of increasing the output to about 6,000 million yards should be quite a feasible proposition in the near future, assuming, of course, that Government will give all necessary help in securing new machinery. Special attention should be given to the early purchase of spindles. For more yarn is urgently needed for the millions of handloom workers who are now severely handicapped by the shortage of yarn. Mr. Kher also referred to handspinning as a means of increasing cloth production and remarked that the improvement of the spinning wheel needed immediate attention. This demands considerable research and, therefore, liberal help by the Central and Provincial Government. Much can be achieved even with the aid of the present commonly used wheel. But unfortunately the question of khadi production has not yet received from Government and the public the attention it deserves, despite much talk about the constructive programme with special reference to handspinning.

Mr. Kher did well to refer also to the need for more technicians in the textile industry. He rightly observed that the two fold task of increasing production and reducing costs called for special effort on the part of technicians and that, with the modernisation of plant and equipment, it would be necessary to train more textile engineers foremen and skilled workmen. But the country does not yet provide anything like sufficient number of technical schools and colleges. The expected fast increase in the number of craft-centred Basic schools and the growing industrial needs of the country will soon demand a large number of technical schools and colleges. It is up to our industrial magnates as well as the Government to help liberally in the starting of such institutions. There can be no industrial future for the country unless the foundation is well laid in the shape of the requisite technical schools, colleges and post-graduate institutes for research.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

STOCKHOLM, March 14.

Swedish plans for large-scale settlement in Africa were revived today with the founding of "African Settlers Incorporated" in the South Swedish town of Temelilla.

Several businessmen and missionaries already have arranged for trips to Africa. The group plans an information centre in Stockholm for prospective immigrants and eventually a shipping line to transport settlers and supplies.—U.P.A.

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It is announced from Peshawar that "a plot has been unearthed to kill the Frontier Premier and create confusion on the Kashmir front so as to make it impossible for Pakistan to win the Kashmir plebiscite."

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan must, naturally, do everything—everything—to maintain himself in the position to which he has attained after striving so hard so loudly and so variegatedly.

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Explaining this "heinous plot", a Frontier Government communique professes to reveal how Red Shirts in the Hazara District had been continuously passing information to the Indian Union and Shaikh Abdullah plotting to murder Abdul Qaiyum and receiving money for both these purposes from India.

Very flattering to the Soviet Union. And another instance to prove the infinite capacity of the Qaiyums of Pakistan for imitation.

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In a speech in Madras, Lord Layton stressed the "stupendous reponsibility" that lay on the shoulders of the press of India and the world press generally to promote world peace and international goodwill, etc., etc.

If only the beneficiaries of this responsibility appreciated it.

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A machine to enable the blind to see is not out of the question, says Professor D. A. Fletcher of the Bristol University.

It is certainly a very welcome forecast, one of the most welcome of any welcome forecast.

But what the world needs more immediately is a machine to make the seeing blind see.

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Britain, reports the UPI from London, is demanding, from the Israeli Government compensations for all the victims of Jewish terrorism in Palestine.

But the Israeli Government needn't worry. One admonitory word from the U. S. which, of course will assuredly be forthcoming and everything will be most satisfactorily all right: Britain withdrawing the demand and offering apologies possibly compensation to the Israeli Government.

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LONDON, March 14. (U.P.A.): The Foreign Ministers of the five Western Union countries met today behind closed doors to speed up work on the Atlantic Pact and other moves designed to maintain Western initiative in the cold war."

"Maintain Western initiative", in the cold war? So it is they who are doing it all, eh?

Will China's Reds Turn To U. S.?

(By Wallace Johnston)

The most difficult phase of their conquest now awaits the Communists in China, in the view of informed sources in Shanghai. It is held that reconstruction of China's industry and amelioration of the conditions of the poverty-stricken masses will prove a far greater challenge to Red abilities than either the military liquidation of the armies of the Kuomintang or political dexterity in achieving power.

Precisely because of Nationalist incompetence in reconstruction and reform, they lost the Civil War. But the Communists are taking over the poorhouse which the Nationalists have surrendered. They are also shouldering the obligation to put it on its feet. Their success or failure will not only have repercussions here, but throughout Asia.

In certain respects, the Communists have come better equipped to the task of national rehabilitation than did the Nationnlists: They promise to provide a definite degree of peace. Importantly, they bring the still incalculable riches of Manchuria, reputedly a less graft-ridden bureaucracy and a more energetic reform attitude.

On the other hand, the Reds lack access to the credits, the relief and American patronage which the Nationalists enjoyed. The Soviet Union, still grappling with its own reconstruction, is believed to be in no position to supply China with the capital equipment and machinery it requires.

Rehabilitation

Visionaries within the Chinese Communist Party are talking about the modernisation of China's industry and agriculture. It is doubtful if these theorists have adequately estimated the astronomical figures this modernization would involve. Even the reconstruction of the country to its pre-war (1930) level of production demands a panoramic aggregate of every conceivable industrial necessity.

The United Kingdom's trade mission to China, in itemizing China's requirements from Britain, started off with locomotives and, having exhausted long lists of transport, capital equipment, engineering, electrical, chemical, building, medical and general supplies, ended up with cod-liver oil and whisky. Four years ago, the Kuomintang Supreme Council drew up the blueprint of a five-year plan which was to cost over $2,000,000,000 U.S. It was admittedly an elementary programme that would have done little more than get China started on the road toward industrialisation.

Jointly, UNRRA and the ECA have poured over $800,000,000 U.S. into the rehabilitation of China. Judging from the mess that is Chinese industry today, it is indeed presumable that several times this sum are necessary to complete the job these agencies attempted.

Rail And Road Undeveloped

In the vast land area of China, there are less railroads than in the State of Missouri, and much of what there is has been damaged by Communist sabotage or is otherwise suffering from the deterioration that is everywhere China's most obvious inheritance from two wars. To transport the sleepers and other supplies for the rehabilitation of these existing railroads alone would, in the opinion of American engineers here, require immediately 2,000 trains of 50 cares each. This is beside the 3,750 miles of new railway urgently needed south of the Yangtse, where inaccessibility is oftne responsible for local famines.

Though embracing one-twelfth of the earth's surface, China has only 43,000 miles of roadway, most of it barely comparable to side-roads in the United States. Insufficient communications weakened the power and authority of the Nationalist government; it may also limit the authoritarianism of its successor.

Telephones

China needs (minimum requirement) 450,000 telephones and 1,500,000 miles and telephone and telegraphic cable. Certainly the linking of far-flung China is a prerequisite to any industrialization and modernisation of the country. The evacuation of many of China's airlines imposes a new hardship upon a country where it is 1,600 miles from Mukden to Kunming and 1,000 miles from Shanghai to Chengtu.

But transportation is only one phase of China's poverty. China, which in pre-war years, was almost able to clothe itself in cotton textiles, now requires the 300,000 spindles ordered some time ago from the United States and Switzerland which were (with the exception of 20,000) undelivered due to China's inability to pay for them. The country needs 30,000 tons of dyestuffs annually. It needs 500 ships to revive its pre-war river and intercoastal traffic. It needs mining equipment, power plants, wool, steel and coal. In a word, China seems to need everything but what is in greatest supply—population.

Industrial Resources

If Lenin's dictum that Socialism plus electrification means Communism, then Communism is a faraway prospect in this Asiatic land. The total generating capacity of all power plants in China is less than the total electricity consumed in the city of Newark, New Jersey. One quarter of all electric output is in Shanghai. In Manchuria, where the Japanese had made some real effort at electrification, the Russians stripped the great plants of Sulfeng and Kirin, depriving Manchuria of a power supply one and one-half times as great as the total output of China proper.

China's assets are its mineral potentials and its precarious exports. However, the mineral wealth is earth-locked. Tremendous investments are required to develop Chinese mining to the point where it might meet domestic demands. With the exception of tungsten, and possibly bristles, there is little on the list of Chinese exports which the Western world could not do without. The dried eggs, tea, silk and soya beans which form the great bulk of China's exports are certainly not indispensable commodities to nations which have during the last war learned to find substitutes for quinine and rubber.

Politics And Expediency

However, economists here are persuaded by their accounting of China's assets and liabilities into believing that—granted Chinese Communists are more realistic than they have recently sounded—the Reds will fit their policies and their antagonisms to the exigencies of their economy. They will cease nettling the one nation whose trade is indispensable to the development of China.

"But," sighed the manager of one of the great foreign banks in this port city, "politicians are not always businessmen and what is politically expedient for them is by no means always the best for the economy of their country."—NANA.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Spring's Vocal Abandon

Police bans have become a part of present-day life. But the type of omnibus order promulgated by the all-powerful Commissioner of Police on Monday, is open to a plurality of objections. The Commissioner, says a notification, has issued an order prohibiting in Greater Bombay the public utterance of obscence cries of slogans, the singing of obscene songs, use of gestures or mimetic representations tending to outrage morality or decency, processions or assemblies with the object of creating noise, shouting obscene slogans and singing of obscene songs. The citizens have long borne much from this omnipotent official. Scared by the gaunt shadow of the menace or the sinister vision of the communal-minded assassin lurking in the dark waiting to kill his unsuspecting victim, a docile people has submitted weakly and without protest to encroachments on their precious rights and liberties. Are they now to be deprived of even their elementary right to indulge in a little obscene cry, shout, song, slogan or gesture, whenever they feel impelled to cast off the bonds of sophistication and be their primitive and normal selves? And secondly—and this is even more important, the ban does constitute an encroachment on inalienable rights guaranteed in the constitution-to-be of India. It is a right of the inhabitants of this ancient land of Hindusthan, a right established by custom and sanctified by usage, that during the week ushered in by the glorious full moon of the last month of the lunar year, they become slightly moonstruck and behave with all the gaiety and a little vocal abandon, warranted by the coming of spring. Are they now, under the pretence of India being a secular state, to be prevented from practising their age-old customs?

Colour Water Culture

Thirdly, as some wise men say, there ought to be a method even in madness. It is not only the singing of obscene songs or the shouting of obscene slogans, that is part of the Holi celebrations. What about the colour water? Is the Police Commissioner such an ardent believer in colour water culture that he makes an exception in favour of throwing, sprinkling, douching, or dumping of bright hued objects, solid or liquid or in the form of powder, by accident or by design on the well-laundered clothes of those unfortunate persons who are compelled to walk long Bombay's perilous roads? And, if our surmise is correct, is this not an instance of a totally unjustified discrimination in favour of one custom or practice as against others, and hence derogatory to the impartiality as between men and things which every servant of Government is expected to maintain? Besides, we must draw attention to the glaring fact that the conduct of this official is not in consonance with the policy of the Government of India in that, while an obscene joke or gesture is fleeting and does not stick the expenditure of public money on so precious and scarce a commodity as colours which stick only too fast, is wasteful and inconsistent with the anti-inflationary measures being pursued everywhere. Ardent champions of provincial autonomy and police autonomy as we are, we do believe there is a limit to everything. In short, our plea to the Police Commissioner is: 'let the gay dogs bark but let not the caravan be drenched and painted red.

Opportunity For Karens

Even though the Burma Government did not accept the offer of the New Delhi conference of the good offices of India and other countries — and Thakin Nu was fully within his rights to decline actual mediation — it is going the right way to settle the conflict with the Karens. The Karens may be feeling that they have scored an important success in their rebellion against the Government by capturing Mandalay. But a sober appreciation of the situation in the context of recent experiences ought to convince them that, as in every other previous case, this too will prove a temporary success and that they will very soon be driven out of Mandalay. The eventual collapse of the armed insurrection is certain. Its inevitability is so obvious. Nothing would be more dangerous for the Karens than to ignore that inevitability in the flush of the Mandalay success. This is specially so today because they have been afforded a priceless opportunity of achieving their basic and essential aims without suffering the consequences of an abortive armed rebellion.

Statesmanlike Approach

Thakin Nu's Government has made an offer the generosity of which should forcibly strike any sensible Karen. They will be granted a full amnesty if they surrender their arms and they have also been guaranteed the fulfilment of the object, for which they misguidedly took up those arms, namely a separate, autonomous Karen state within the Burmese Union. What more can any Karen ask for if he wants a solution that is mutually profitable and any alternative to which will spell disaster not so much for Burma as for the Karens themselves? But this very fact renders the offer the last and the final attempt by the Government to save the Karens from their impetuous folly and to secure for them at the same time an honourable autonomy. Those, like the people of India, who entertain genuine sentiments of friendship and goodwill for Burma and all its people and who have no prejudice against or antipathy to the Karens and their basic aspirations, will earnestly hope that the latter will be wise and patriotic enough to respond promptly and fully to the Government's gesture. Meanwhile, Thakin Nu's Government deserves the congratulations of all friends of Burma for the statesmanlike initiative it has taken toward a just settlement of the Karen question. Its new approach to the problem will raise its prestige and its reputation for progressive democracy throughout the impartial, liberal world.

Towards A Settlement

The "symposium" on Indian languages held at Delhi on Monday and the announcement made there by Dr. S. P. Mookerjee that he would convene a conference of literary men of all provinces and States "to discuss the language issue" are but a few of the signs showing how this issue is exercising the minds of responsible leaders in the country. But certain trends can be discerned which indicate that the issue is nearing a settlement. We have already referred to the general agreement at the recent Rashtra Bhasha Pracharak Conference at Wardha to refer the controversy about the national language to arbitration. At the Delhi symposium, Pandit Nehru set forth some generally acceptable principles about the requirements of the national language, whether it is called Hindi or Hindustani. The number is increasing of leaders who seem to think that, so long as the national lanugage is, in the words of Pandit Nehru, one of the masses and not of a small coterie of a learned few, it does not matter much whether it is called Hindi or Hindustani. Pandit Nehru is also reported to have remarked that the script of an all-India language would "necessarily" be Devanagari. The controversy is being slowly narrowed down and the agreement about arbitration may lead to a settlement even before the final decision is given by the Constituent Assembly.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

A Script For The National Language

Sir,—Mr. Raju, Sessions Judge of Surat, recently gave a talk at the local Rotary Club expounding the national script that he has devised for the national language. He maintained that there should be a common script for the national language.—be it Hindi or any other—, and it should satisfy the following tests:—

1. Simplicity.
2. Continuity.
3. It should be simple to learn in a very short time.
4. It should not be any sort of shorthand, as that would be difficult to read.

He claimed for his script that it would take less time in learning and writing, and would consume less paper, pen and ink than any Indian script. Unlike other Indian scripts, one would not require to lift the pen in writing it. An adult who has learnt the sounds of speech can learn the script in ten minutes. In a similar case, a child can learn it in a day or two, whereas it would require one to two months to learn any Indian script. In his script conjunct consonants are formed as in English, whereas in Indian script one has to learn the way of writing conjunct consonants. The letters in his script are so short that even when combined they can be written quicker than in any Indian script.

The U. P. Government, by appointing a committee to simplify 'Balbodh' script, has impliedly admitted that that script, as it stands is unsuited for adoption as a venicle for the National language. This applies to Sanskrit, which a writer in the latest number of Modern Review has urged should be adopted, as the National language.

Some of those who heard Mr. Raju were greatly impressed, and regarded his script as the best possible medium for the national language. As such it required to be brought to the notice of Government, who would do well to consider its adoption after obtaining from him full particulars relating to it.—Yours, etc.,

P. J. TALYARKHAN.

Surat.

House-Roofs In Kakoori Camp

Sir,—Early last year, Mr. Nanda, the Hon'ble Labour-Housing Minister and Mr. Kantawalla, the Housing Commissioner, Bombay promised us that old rusted tin roofs will be replaced by the new ones before the monsoon sets in. Nothing was done in this respect. The second monsoon is fast approaching. Many houses and their old rusted roofs were badly damaged by the recent cyclone.

May I appeal through this paper to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay who according to the tenancy agreement is our landlord and as a landlord his bounden duty is to help his tenants.— Yours, etc.,

T. S. MITTER.

NORTH ATLANTIC SECURITY PACT

U.S. Move To Rope In Portugal

WASHINGTON, March 15. (PTI-Reuter)—The Portuguese and United States Governments are discussing the possibility of Portugal joining the North Atlantic Security Alliance, it was learnt authoritatively here today.

The talks are being conducted in Lisbon between Portuguese authorities and the American Ambassador Mr. Lincoln MacVeagh.

The most important point under discussion in Lisbon, according to usually well-informed informants, here, is whether Portugal would be required to make bases in either Portugal or the Azores available to the other signatories of the Pact in peace time and particularly to the United States.

Portugal is understood here to have made it clear that she does not wish to have to make bases available in peacetime except as outlined in existing agreement.

Two British Airlines Merge

LONDON, March 15. (PTI-Reuter)—The complete merger of British South American Airways and British Overseas Airways Corporation, two of Britain's three nationalised airlines, was announced today.

Lord Pakenham, Minister of Civil Aviation, told the House of Lords that the Government had recommended it and that the two airlines had agreed.

PLEA FOR PRESS' CO-OPERATION

To Implement Inter-Dominion Agreement

CALCUTTA, March 15, (API): The Government of West Bengal have requested the co-operation of editors in implementing the terms of the recent Inter-Dominion agreement relating to the Press and publicity.

It will be recalled that the Inter-Dominion Conference held in Delhi in December last, the extent to which the agreement reached in Calcutta was observed by the Press in both Dominions was reviewed. The Conference noted with regret that the Press in the two Dominions had committed breaches of the agreement. Consequently it produced a revised agreement which, in addition to the Press, covered the media of books, pamphlets, publications, broadcasting and films.

The Government of West Bengal have issued the relevant text of the agreement to editors and have sought their co-operation in implementing it.

"SCHEME HELD UP BY COMMUNIST TROUBLE"

Separation Of Judiciary From Executive

MADRAS, March 15, (API):—The early separation of Judiciary from the Executive and abolition of the Jury system in criminal trials were urged by several members in the Madras Assembly today during a debate on the Budget demand under "Administration of Justice."

The Law Minister, Mr. K. Madhava Menon, stated that although the scheme for separating judicial and executive functions had been ready a long time ago, it could not be implemented earlier because of the Hyderabad situation. In the Government's view, the present time was also not opportune to implement the scheme as the Communist trouble in certain parts of the province had not yet been brought under complete control. There was still danger from the Communists and a sudden change in the judicial setup was assured the House that when peaceful conditions were restored, Government would certainly effect the separation of Judiciary from the Executive as they were committed to the proposal.

Regarding abolition of the jury system of trial, the Minister said that the matter would be examined by the Government in consultation with the High Court.

The demand for Rs. 1,21,43,800 under the head "Administration of Justice" was voted in full by the Assembly. Before rising for the day, the House also voted Rs. 83,25,100 and Rs. 81,46,600 under the heads "Forest" and "Jail Administration".

OPEN AIR

I wonder if there is a garden without at least one kind of Hibiscus in it. Hibiscus bougainvillas and palm trees seems to be absolutely typical gardens. Personally, I should miss this lovely shrub very badly, for it goes on flowering all through the year, and though the flowers, whether cut for the flower-vase or left on the tree, last only for a day, opening in the morning and closing as the sun goes down, it always seems to be covered with large gaily-coloured blossoms. There are, too, so many varieties, single and double, in a number of different shades. The most common is probably the deep pink, with large single blossoms. Then there is the gayer, bright red variety whose vivid blossoms hang down from the twigs, and with this one in the garden you can be sure of receiving visits from the lovely little sunbirds which seem to enjoy the honey of these flowers above everything. The double pink, double orange and deep red are also very lovely. I sometimes feel I should like to make a collection of all the different kinds, though I admit I do not care much for the whites and mauves, just to see how many it would be possible to achieve, though for that I should need a larger garden than I possess at present.

D.R.

REALISE DANGERS OF PRESENT SITUATION

Shankerrao Deo's Warning To I.N.T.U.C. Workers

NAGPUR, March 15 (API): Mr Shankerrao Deo, speaking at a joint meeting of members of the Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee and the INTUC, observed that the INTUC was in no way a subordinate body to any of the Provincial Congress Committees. It functioned in accordance with the Congress policy but as an independent organisation devoted to promoting welfare of labour. Mr. Deo did not see any ground for a conflict between the INTUC and the Provincial Congress Committee as both had to work out the Congress policy and programme in their respective spheres.

Mr. Deo further pointed out that the ITUC did not believe in or work for a class war. He asked INTUC workers in the province to work among Labour in such a way that Labour realised the dangers inherent in the present situation in India. Communism, he declared, was inimical to growth of democratic institutions, and the people of India and Labour in particular had to be saved from falling an easy prey to forces that were openly hostile to and working for the overthrow of the present Government of India.

Addressing a public meeting later, Mr. Deo appealed to the people to contribute liberally to the Gandhi National Memorial Fund and see that the target of thirty-five lakhs fixed for Nagpur Province was reached before April 6.

DELHI AGREEMENT ON PRESS AND RADIO

Information - Consultative Committee Reviews Measures

KARACHI, March 15, (API): The Inter-Dominion Information Consultative Committee met here today.

A Press Note issued after the meeting said the Committee reviewed measures taken by both Dominions to implement the terms of the Delhi agreement relating to press, radio, film and publicity.

The Committee examined the trend of the Press in India and Pakistan and discussed measures further to implement the terms of the Delhi agreement. Discussion will be resumed tomorrow morning.

It is reported that the representatives of the two delegations have agreed to exchange the code of guidance adopted by the Newspaper Editors Conference of India and Pakistan. This exchange, if carried out, will help evolve, if possible, a common press code for consideration by the Newspaper Editors Conference of the two Dominions.

MADRAS LETTER

JOBS ON COMMUNAL BASIS STILL!

Peculiar Distinction Of Madras Province

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MADRAS, (By Air Mail)

Madras has the peculiar distinction of being a Province where communal ans caste distunctions in regard to recruitment to the Government services and admissions to Government educational institutions, are officially recognised. There have been numerous protests against this policy, particularly the policy of shutting out young men from admission into educational institutions especially professional classes, because they belong to particular communities.

Recently, the Government of India enquired whether these caste distinctions should be taken into account in considering persons for appointment to Government service. The Madras Government, it is reported, have considered this question and are stated to have taken the view that what is known as the "Communal G.O.", governing recruitment to the Government services, and the G.O. regarding reservation of seats in professional colleges for the various communities should continue for the present. This is necessary, in their opinion, to enable the existing inequalities in the representation of members belonging to different castes in the public services to be removed and to facilitate recruitment of persons belonging to backward communities and the scheduled castes. The obvious sequel of this view will be that merit will have no place in admission to professional colleges and that certain communities like the Brahmins will be shut out more or less completely from getting admission into these institutions. While there may be some justification for the fixing of communal proportions in recruitment to the public services to remove some existing inequalities, justification for shutting out candidates belonging to particular communities, in spite of their meritorious educational record even from securing admissions into professional colleges is difficult to find. The Madras Government are likely to communicate their views to the Government of India shortly.

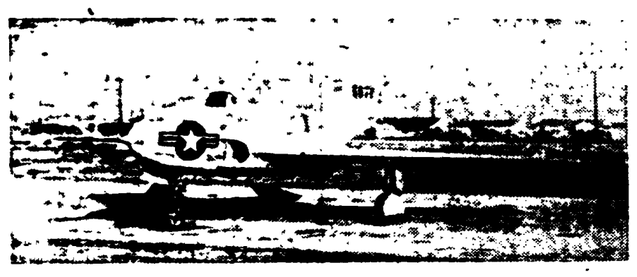
MADRAS GOVERNMENT AND ZAMINDARI ABOLITION

Are the Government of Madras really serious in implementing the Zamindari Abolition legislation was the issue raised in the Madras Legislative Assembly through a series of interpellations. The Madras Government's Bill in this regard is now before the Governor-General for his assent and it is expected he will give it at an early date. But in the meantime, doubts have been expressed by the Opposition members about the Government's intentions to put the legislation into practical effect, because no provision has been made in the next year's budget for payment of compensation to the zamindars. This has, however, been explained by the Finance Minister, as being due to the fact that the Government did not expect any payment to be made as compensation in the course of the next year. Revenue Minister denied at the same time any intention to hold over the implementation of the Bill and stated that, in fact, Rules under the Act, which will govern the manner and time of payment of compensation, are being framed in anticipation of the Governor-General's sanction. It may be recalled that it was estimated that a total compensation of about Rs. 17½ crores would become payable under the legislation, Rs. 12 crores to Zamindars and Rs. 5½ crores to Inamdars and the Bill also provided for the final amounts of compensation to be decided only after the survey and settlement of the estates had been completed.

LANDS TO POLITICAL SUFFERERS

Madras is the first Province to consider the question of making free grants of lands to political sufferers on a sort of compensation for their participation in the freedom struggle. Orders have been issued for the giving of such grants at the rate of 5 acres per individual and committees have been constituted in each district to select those who are eligible for the grant. But though it is nearly a year and a half since this matter has been under consideration of the Government, only about 800 applicants out of a total of nearly 18,000 persons who applied for the grants have so far got lands allotted to them. In the Madras Assembly, last week, there was a big row by Congress Party members at the slow pace at which the assignment of lands has been progressing and it was suggested that local officers have been delaying things too much and thus preventing political sufferers from getting the benefit of the scheme which the Government have formulated for them. It was also suggested that the policy was decided upon without the Government having an estimate of the land available for assignment. It is expected that in view of the protests against the delay in the implementation of the scheme the matter will be looked into by the Government more closely and that the assignment of lands will be expedited. It is interesting to mention that among applicants for the lands are two or three ex-Ministers also.

SONIC RESEARCH AIRPLANE



The X-4, newest research aircraft of the United States Air Force, was designed for stability and control investigations at high subsonic speeds. One of the smallest airplanes built for the Air Force, it is approximately 15 feet high. It has a gross weight of about 7,000 pounds, a tricycle landing gear and is equipped with a pilot ejection seat. Powered by twin gas turbines, the X-4 is able to maintain flights of comparatively long duration. The photo shows the new X-4 on a landing strip in California.

EGYPT'S SHARE IN CONTROL OF SUEZ CANAL

British Reactions To Cairo Agreement

LONDON, (By Cable)

Negotiations between the Sues Canal Company and the Egyptian Government have resulted in a compromise agreement signed in Cairo.

The British Government are not a party to the agreement which is between the Canal Company and the Egyptian Government and will require ratification both by the Company's shareholders and by the Egyptian Parliament. But Britain is particularly interested because there are 10 British directors on the Company's board (three representing the British Government and seven representing British commercial interests), because gest shareholders in the Company, with 44 per cent. of the shares, and because Britain is the largest user of the Sues Canal.

The negotiation arose out of the Egyptian Government's claim to apply the Egyptian Company Law of July 1947 to the Sues Canal Company. This law provides that at least 40 per cent. of the directorships of every company in Egypt should be Egyptian.

INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY

The Sues Canal Company has always maintained, and will continue to maintain that this Egyptian Company the British Government are the Sues Canal Company on account of the latter's special position in interpany Law is not applicable to the national law. The Sues Canal was esthlished as an international waterway by an international convention of 1888 and the Company's special position is defined in a series of bilateral conventions with the Egyptian Government

The agreement just signed does not mention the application of the Egyptian Company Law to the Canal Company.

Hitherto there have been two Egyptian directors out of a total of 32. Under the present agreement the number of Egyptian directors is increased to seven.

The Egyptian Government had pressed for the right of free passage on the canal for Egyptian vessels plying between one Egyptian port and another. The Company felt unable to accept such a discriminatory measure but has agreed to exempt from canal dues vessels of all nationalities of under 300 tons

On the other hand, the Egyptian Government under the agreement will receive an increased share of the Canal Company's profits. The Government's share in future will be seven per cent of the annual gross profits with a guaranteed minimum of £ (E) 350.000 At present the Egyptian Government receives £ (E) 300, 000 annually. (Seven per cent of last year's returns is estimated to amount to (E) 900,000).

INCREASED EGYPTIAN STAFF

Further clauses of the agreement provide for an increase of the numbers of Egyptian technical and administrative staff to be employed by the Company and for carrying out by the Company of large-scale construction schemes, for which purpose £(E)4,500, 000 is being earmarked.

The upshot of the agreement was summed up by M. Charles Roux Chairman of the Canal Company's Board, when he said that on the one hand the Egyptian Government becomes a priviledged partner in the Sues Canal Company, while on the other hand, the Sues Canal Company will continue to benefit from its unique status.

CALCUTTA CO-EDS TO LOSE PRIVILEGE.

CALCUTTA, (U.P.A.): Woman's prerogative of keeping her age to herself is a privilege which Calcutta University co-eds will no longer enjoy.

The West Bengal Public Services Commission has requested the University to record in future the age of women students appearing for its various examinations, which has not been the practice in the past.

The Commission points out that in appointing women candidates for governmental posts difficulty is being encountered in ascertaining the real age of applicants.

TYPE-SETTING BY PHOTOGRAPHY

British Invention Revolutionises Printing Industry

BY PERCY WEBSTER

The printing industry in Britain has hitherto been dependent on metal type for type-setting. The popular idea of type-setting is associated with a type-case divided into small compartments, each containing an appropriate number of movable types. With astonishing speed the skilled type-setter takes from the case one type after another, arranging them in lines for printing.

LARGE PRINTING PLANS

But the average person knows that large printing plants which belong to newspaper and book-publishing concerns have for years been using type-composing machines which achieve an efficiency far higher than that of hand-setting. Unlike the type-case, these machines do not contain ready-made metal type. The casting of the type part of the type-setting process is carried out by the machine itself. In these cases, however, the final product, whether in the form of single types, or lines of type, is still made of metal

For a long time, scientific research in Britain has been directed in this field towards type-composition by photography. The first inventions in this field were patented about 50 years ago. Since that time great progress has been made in photo-lightographic and photogravure printing processes. The first machines embodying the photographic principle were introduced in Britain 14 or 15 years ago. These machines, however, were hand operated, and very slow. Photographic positives or negatives are prepared for printing purposes. A photograph is taken either of the type itself or of an impression of the type; or, alternatively, and impression is used as a "paper" positive.

METAL TYPE ELIMINATED

Shortly before World War II, research was carried a step further Experiments were carried out with the aim of abolishing metal type altogether, and the achievement of automatic type-composition by photography alone. The inventor, George Westover, of the Coventry Gauge and Tool Company Limited, Fletchamstead, Coventry, has now succeeded in evolving a serviceable and economic method of producing positives or negatives without the setting-up of metal type. This method, purely photographic and fully automatic, is known as the "Rotofoto" system.

The "Rotofoto" equipment has 3 main components, the Monotype keyboard, the line-projector, and the make-up machine. The projector is based on the principle of the Monotype composition-system. Westover, the inventor, was for a long time a prominent member of the Monotype Corporation Limited, and has devoted 20 years to the study of type-composition.

The preparation of a photographic text comprises the following processes: A punched paper record of the text is produced, in the ordinary way, on a standard Monotype keyboard. The paper roll is then transferred to the line-projector. The projector does, indeed, contain the mechanism of the Monotype caster, but there is this important difference, that a photographic negative is substituted for the bronze matrix. The letters are photigraphed one by one a roll of 35 millimetres film carried in a camera. After developing, a photographic image of the lines appears on the film, with the lines running across the width of the film. The projector operates at the same speed as a Monotype caster.

ordinary proof is produced Any line

Proofs are dealt with separately By projecting the 35 millimetres film on to a roll of sensitised paper, an ordinary proof is produce. Any line containing a correction is re-tapped on the key-board and re-set on the projector. Finally, all corrections appear on one or more separate roll of film.

The last process is the preparation of the final film transparencies for the printing-plates. It is carried out on the make-up machine, and the corrections are inserted at the same time. The make-up machine consists in the main of a cylindrical lamp housing, around which are located five stations. Each station takes a roll of 35 millimetres film. One of the stations contains the film with the main text matter, the next the film with the corrections, the next the film with the heading and so forth The main text matter is then projected on to the transparency a line at a time. This projection is entirely automatic, and is continued until a line requiring correction is encountered. To effect the correction, the filmholder is revolved, and the corrected line is projected on to the transparency, whereupon the projection of the main text matter is resumed. This system eliminates the necessity of cutting the film. The operations are simple and rapid, and produce transparencies of high fidelity. Finally, the transparencies are used for making the printing-plates, and the printing process can begin.

OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES

What purpose does a photo-composing machine serve? The advantages in the field of lithography and gravure are obvious. The "Rotofoto" system dispenses with metal type, and also supplies film transparencies ready for printing. In addition, the system has the inestimable advantage peculiar to photography that perfection can be attained by focussing. The aquality of transparencies produced by purely photographic methods is superior to that obtainable by other means. By altering the magnification, the master negative can be made to supply various point sizes: small type or large type according to requirements. The line spacing is adjustable by the same method. Storage-space requirements are reduced to a minimum, since the films can be kept for subsequent reprinting. A book text, for example, comprises only a few narrow rolls of film, whereas conventional metal type requires a great deal of space. Films and master negatives can be sent anywhere for use with "Rotofoto" equipment.

The first demonstration of the new invention was given a short time ago at the opening ceremony of the laboratories of the Printing, Packaging and Allied Trades Research Association, at Patra House, Randall Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, and resulted in a deluge of inquiries from the U.S.A. and Australia, proving that there is a genuine demand for photo-composing machines in the printing industry. The manufacture of "Rotofoto" equipment is therefore now being taken in hand in Britain on a large scale.

Rebuff To Truman

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UPA). The Senate Armed Services Committee rebuffed President Truman today when it rejected, 7-6, his nomination of his friend, former Senator Tom Wallgren, as chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

Democratic Senator Harry Byrd joined six Republicans to oppose the nomination, whereafter Chairman Millthard Tydings said that the committee majority while it found no evidence reflecting on Wallgren's loyalty and integrity, believed a man of wider economic and industrial experience and competency should be chairman.

Stop Press

ROLE OF BRITISH MILITARY MISSION IN BURMA

LONDON, March 15 (PTI-Reuter): Viscount Hall, first Lord of the Admiralty, stated "categorically" in the House of Lords today that there was no truth in the press statement that the British Military Mission in Burma had abused its position.

Viscount Swinton, Conservative, had asked him to "confirm that the allegations which were reported to have been made by Burmese ministers or other persons" that officers of the Military Mission had abused their position were without foundation.

NAVAL AND AIR-BASE IN SOLOMONS

LONDON, March 15 (UPI): Lord Listowel, now visiting Australia and New Zealand as emissary of the British Government will discuss the need for the establishment of a new naval and air-base in the Solomon Islands as a second line in Singapore, says the "Daily Graphic" today, claiming inside information.

Whitehall circles, however, still persist that defence questions are not the primary issues that the Government emissaries are raising with the Dominion Governments.

SUSPENSION OF TOKYO-MOSCOW RADIO CIRCUIT.

TOKYO, March 15 (UPA): Allied headquarters today ordered the Japanese Government to suspend operation of the Tokyo-Moscow radio-telegraph circuit.

The headquarters spokesman said that the "difficulties" were disagreements between the Soviet government and headquarters on accounting methods for the payment of tolls.

DEMONSTRATION BEFORE JAPANESE PALACE

TOKYO, March 15 (UPA): A crowd estimated by police at 100,000 workers demonstrated in front of the Imperial Palace today and demanded the downfall of the Yoshida Cabinet.

The demonstration was called to oppose the Japanese Government's projected, 30 per cent slash in the number of Government personnel. Communist speakers attacked the Government's projected measures to invite foreign capital into Japan, charging the Government with intent to "destroy the racial independence of the Japanese people."

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, March 14.

Rani Maharaj Singh accompanied by Mrs. Gilder visited Dr. R. K. Bhosle's Clinic in Lakshmi Buildings

BOMBAY, March 15.

The Governor of Bombay received Flying Officer P. T. Khisty.

Rani Maharaj Singh attended the Races in aid of the United Nations Appeal for Children.

The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh visited the Belgian Art Exhibition at Daria Mahal Nepean Sea Road, where they were received by H. H. Prince de Ligne and the Princess de Ligne. His Excellency opened the Exhibition.

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DELHI COURT CIRCULAR

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, New Delhi, Sunday, March 13:— In the morning the Governor-General received the Hon'ble Shri R. R. Diwakar.

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UNIVERSITY COMMISSION'S CUTTACK PROGRAMME

CUTTACK, March 15 (UPI)—The Indian University Commission headed by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, which is now here, will, it is understood, examine about educationists of the province. The commission will be here till 18th March.

On the 16th a reception will be accorded to the Commission by the Utkal Sahitya Samaj. On the 17th evening the students of the Ravenshaw College will give a reception at which Dr. Radhakrishnan will speak.

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DHIRUBHAI DESAI FOR CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, March 15. (API)—Shri Dhirubhai Desai, India's Minister in Switzerland is arriving here on March 20.

While in Calcutta Shri Desai will meet different chambers of commerce and other business representatives and discuss with them various aspects of Indo-Swiss trade relations

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REUTER'S DELEGATION

MADRAS, March 15 (API): To meet the members of the Reuter's Goodwill Delegation Mr. S.S. Vasan, Editor of the "Anandavikatan", gave a tea party at the Gemini Studios this afternoon.

The Deputy High Commissioner for U.K. in Madras Mr. C. A. Guest gave a reception to the Reuter Delegation this evening which was attended by prominent Britishers residing in Madras.

The members of the Delegation attended a dinner party given in their honour by Mr. A. A. Hayles, Editor, "The Mail", Madras.

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA DIRECTORS TO MEET

MADRAS, March 15, (API): Mr. Devadas Gandhi, Mr. W. J. B. Walker, Mr. I. S. Jehu, Dr. N. V. Parulekar, Directors of the Press Trust of India, and Mr. J. Turner, General Manager, Press Trust of India and Mr. A. S. Bharatan, Joint General Manager, Press Trust of India, arrived here this evening to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Press Trust of India.

Bengal Millowners, Quota To Gandhi Fund

CALCUTTA, March 15, (UPI): The members of the Bengal Millowners' Association Calcutta have so far contributed Rs. 7,44,349/12/- to the Gandhi National Memorial Fund.

HOLI DAY INCIDENTS IN CALCUTTA

One Killed And Three Injured

CALCUTTA, March 15 (UPI): One person was killed and three severely injured in a clash between two sections of people for the throwing of coloured water by some merry makers in the mill areas at Kankinara in the Calcutta industrial area today. The armed police hastened to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Tension, however prevails.

In North Calcutta the police arrested six persons for throwing soda water bottles and brickbats at one another following a drunken brawl over the throwing of coloured water.

540 Holi Merrymakers Of Calcutta Fined

CALCUTTA, March 15 (API): Five hundred and forty Holi merrimakers, arrested yesterday in Calcutta on charges of disorderly conduct, sprinkling coloured water on passers-by and causing obstruction to traffic were sentenced today by Additional Presidency Magistrates to fines ranging from rupee one to Rs. 20 each Several others were discharged after warning.

Peaceful Celebration Of Holi In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 15. (API) —The second day of Holi festivities in Hyderabad passed off peacefully. A huge procession of Aryasamajists which was taken this evening started from Kishenganj area, passed through certain thickly populated localities of Hyderabad City and terminated at Kesav Memorial School where a public meeting was held.

All banks, public offices and educational institutions in Hyderabad City remained closed today on account of Holi festivities.

THAKIN NU'S PLEA TO KARENS TO SAVE BURMA

Amnesty Offer To Apply To Reds And "White Band" Volunteers

RANGOON, March 15 (PTI-Reuter): Burma Prime Minister, Thakin Nu tonight broadcast an appeal to Karen tribesmen to lay down arms and work with the Burmese in the country's interest.

His appeal came 24 hours after the Burma Government's offer of an amnesty to Karen rebel tribesmen subject to their surrendering their arms.

Over Rangoon Radio Thakin Nu said he was speaking not as Premier but as an ordinary citizen of Burma "who has in his heart of hearts, the achievement of national unity".

If the 17,000,000 people of Burma continued to fight each other Burma would revert to servitude which Burmese and Karens had struggled together to remove, he said.

"Let bygones be bygones", Thakin Nu added.

"It is time we jointly exerted our utmost efforts to save our country.

The Burma Government's amnesty offer applies to all insurgents—including Karens, Communists, the "White Band" Peoples Volunteer Organisation and army deserters—at present carrying on anti-Government activities, it was officially announced today.

A Government spokesman said that pamphlets containing the amnesty offer were being dropped from the air in insurgent areas.

"BURMA HAS ADOPTED NEW DELHI ADVICE"

London 'Times' Comment On Government's Conciliation Offer

NEW YORK, March 15 (UPA): A "Times" editorial today noted that the Burmese Government, in offering to set up a separate autonomous state for the rebel Karen tribesmen, "has at last adopted previously spurned advice tendered it by the recent New Delhi conference of five Commonwealth nations to seek reconciliation with the Karens."

The editorial added: "Burma is close to chaos and is in danger of going the way of China....Whether the offer comes in time to save the Government remains to be seen.... Certainly, it must be hoped that in freeing themselves from one alien rule the people of Burma will not fall a victim to another and a far more ruthless regime."

BURMA AIRWAYS PLANE MISSING

RANGOON, March 15 (PTI-Reuter): The Government-owned Union of Burma Airways today announced a dove plane was missing with nine passengers and a crew of two, including its British pilot, Captain P. H. Sparrow.

The plane left Mingaldon airport yesterday morning from Moulmein, on the south coast of Burma.

An Airways official said, search planes had not yet found any sign of the missing aircraft.

Alwaye Workers Satyagraha Continues

ALWAYE (Travancore), March 16. (API.) The Satyagraha launched on the third instant by the Alluminium Factory Labour Union which control all the workers of the factory entered its 11 day today with no change in the situation. A batch of five workers are continuing the Satyagraha at the gates of the factory.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY.

NEW YORK, March 15

Previous Closing	32.06
Today's Opening	32.03
Difference	—4
Today's Closing	32.06
Difference	+2

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, March 15.

Stock Exchange opening prices:— Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 31-5/8. General Motors dol. 59-7/8. United States Steel Common dol. 78-1 2.

United States Steel Preference unchanged.—(Reuter)

London Stock Exchange Fasy

LONDON, March 15. (PTI-Reuter): Generally easier conditions marked the last day of the account at London Stock Exchange today.

Textiles, breweries, irons, steels and tobaccos moved to lower levels at which they remained despite an attempt at rally. Boar covering was responsible for slight improvement in such issues as Dunlops and Imperial Chemicals.

Proceeds of sales of industrials were reinvested in British Funds which were firm throughout. There was evidence of more public interest in this section.

Another section to show firmness was that of rubbers, speculative support of these continued and there were numerous small gains.

Foreign rails and bonds were generally easier although Great Western Brazil stocks received some support and were better on balance

Mining sections moved with prevailing trend. Leads were lower on reduction of price for commodity while coppers and Kaffirs lost ground on local sales.

INTERNATIONAL CAMARADERIE AMONG JOURNALISTS

"We Are One Of The Most Essential Services Of Humanity," Says Lord Layton

MADRAS, March 15 (API): "There is a spirit of international camaraderie among journalists running right through the world which is not limited to any race or continent and a spirit of idealism that weare engaged in one of the most essential services of humanity", said Lord Layton leader of the Reuter Delegation replying to the toast at a dinner given in their honour by the "Mail" at the Hotel Connemara tonight.

The distinguished gathering included Mr. M. Bhartavatsalam, Minister for Information, Chief Justice, Speaker of the Madras Assembly President of the Legislative Council, the Mayor of Madras, and the Editors of newspapers.

After Mr. Hayle's had proposed the toast, Lord Layton replying said his delegation has come to India " to send the ReuterPTI. partnership".

PROFESSIONAL FEELING

Referring once again to the partnership agreement he said it had been founded on the principle recognised in sciences and arts, of international, professional feeling. In journalism also there could be international camaraderie right through the world and it was not limited to the White races or Europe or any one continent.

It was not only a professional business of course, there were many technical advantages in which they were interested but they were not all. There was the idealism, the concept that they were all engaged in one of the most essential services of humanity. "Betwen us, there is the same idealism! We are a hard-baked lot no doubt and do not often talk about it but it is at the back of all, all the same", he added.

"We sometimes think that we went into this profession for a living but there are precious few journalists who have not at sometime, perhaps all times, in their career the feeling that they are doing something worthwhile In other words, it is a life work in the fullest sense of the word. Indeed, I know no profession of which it is so true, that once it has bidden you, there is no getting away from it".

HOLLAND AGREES TO EXPLORATORY TALKS

PAKISTAN VEHEMENTLY ATTACKS DUTCH TACTICS

LAKE SUCCESS, MARCH 14. (PTI-REUTER): HOLLAND TODAY AGREED TO A CANADIAN PROPOSAL IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR EXPLORATORY TALKS UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES TO PLAN A ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE ON INDONESIA'S FUTURE THE INDONESIAN REPUBLICANS HAVE HITHERTO DECLINED TO ATTEND THE ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE, PROPOSED BY THE DUTCH, UNTIL THEIR AUTHORITY IS RESTORED IN INDONESIA.

BRITAIN SUPPORTS CANADA

Sir Terence Shone, British Delegate, supporting the Canadian proposal, said that "until the Indonesian Government can reassemble as an organised body, it cannot be expected to assume the responsibilities for negotiation of a lasting settlement."

Britain believed, he said, that "military action cannot be permitted to eliminate one of the parties to the dispute.

Dr. Jan Van Royen, Dutch Delegate announced his Government's willingness to take part inexploratory talks in Batavia, and said We state most emphatically that the proposed transfer of sovereignty will be real, complete and unconditional."

The Indonesian Republican spokesman, Dr. L. N. Palar, had earlier said that if the Council did not take swift action it would strengthen the guerillas' belief that the problem must be fought out on the battlefield. "There is no doubt that our guerillas can exhaust the Dutch militarily" he declared. He supported the suggestion for preliminary talks but said they must have a deadline.

PAKISTAN ALARMED

Pakistan had told the Security Council when the debate opened that further delay in settling the Indonesian dispute would be harmful.

Colonel Abdur Rahim Khan (Pakistan) said at the Council's resumed debate on Indonesia: "My Government has been greatly concerned and alarmed over the turn the situation took when the Dutch authorities started military action against the Indonesian Republic.

"My Government further expressed alarm at the hesitating manner in which the Security Council had taken action in respect of a very grave situation.

"Even though the action taken by the Security Council in ordering the ceasefire and release of Republican leaders was considered by my Government as quite inaccurate to meet the situation which had arisen then, yet this requirement of the Security Council was not being carried out by the Dutch.

"Pakistan warned the Security Council at the earliest opportunity that the Dutch action in Indonesia had shocked and distressed all the people of South East Asia.

"It urged most earnestly upon the Council to take immediate action for the withdrawal of Dutch troops and the release and restoration to full freedom and authority of the Republican leaders which were the two minimum conditions considered essential for fulfilment by my Government.

REPREHENSIBLE BEHAVIOUR

"We stressed the urgency of this so as to avoid a feeling of deep disappointment, bordering almost upon despair, spreading over the population of the South-East Asian countries about the ability of the United Nations ever to hand-e any threat to international peace effectively, particularly if it involved aggression by a western nation against an eastern nation.

The Pakistan delegate continued: "For any Government to assist in maintaining conditions of an extremely inflammable nature in regions which are already causing concern to the statesmen of the world is most reprehensible behaviour and their action cannot be condemned too severely.

"We believe that no negotiation can help any possibility of success unless the representatives of the Republican Government enter such negotiations as free agents and on a footing of positive equality with the other party participating in the negotiations.

"In the opinion of my Government the constitution of the Round Table Conference as proposed by the Dutch authorities is thoroughly unsatisfactory.

"Not only would some of those invited fail to command the trust and confidence of the people within the Republic of Indonesia, but they are likely to be concemned as the "yes" men of the Dutch Government.

"Furthermore the nominee of the Republican Government could only be accepted as such if there exists an effective Government to nominate such persons.

"My Government has no doubt that unless the Republican Government is established in its capital and is free from all restraining influences, particularly such as the presence of Dutch troops within its territory, not only would the voice of its nominees sound hollow at the proposed Round Table Conference, but it would carry no conviction with the general public in that country.

"We hope the Dutch authorities will ponder carefully — very carefully — on the danger which not only faces them but is likely to be the cause of serious trouble to all countries in South-East Asia if they persist creating difficulties in the way of the present leaders of Indonesia to deal with whatever trouble there may be in the areas of the Republic.

"The world is wide awake and it ought to be patently clear to the Dutch authorities that their failure to fulfil their responsibilities towards the United Nations would be carefully examined and serious notice taken of the delaying tactics they are now adopting.

"The people of the world, or at any rate of the South East Asian countries, watch with an expectant but critical eye the decisions of this Council in the Indonesian affairs. Certain events in the past have shaken the faith of these people in the effectiveness of the United Nations.

"My Government most earnestly hopes that the situation will not be allowed to become worse, and that the Security Council will rise to the occasion and implement its resolution of January 28".

He also cited the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan as an illustration of Pakistan's belief that all nations should submit to United Nations judgment and warned that the nation which impedes United Nations actions strikes at the organisation's very foundations.

He cited the New Delhi conference "which has studied the matter in the most statesmanlike manner" as proving Asia's extreme concern.

OLD DAYS ARE OVER

Mahmoud Bey Fawzi (Egypt) said it was time certain colonial powers understood the old days were over.

A new world was raising in South-East Asia, based on the principles of the United Nations Charter.

"What are we waiting for now?", he asked.

"The Republic of Indonesia is a fact. Only reactionaries who are trying to set back the clock cannot realise this fact", he declared.

Mr. D. R. Sen (India) reminded the Council that its resolution called on the Netherlands to release unconditionally all Republican leaders, and to return them to Jogjakarta to discharge their responsibilities as Government.

"Only an established Government can issue a cease-fire order if "Only an established Government can issue a cease-fire order if it to be effective", Mr. Sen declared.

"If there is to be a preliminary conference, as the Canadian Delegation suggests, it should be merely for the re-establishment of the Republican Government in Jogjakarta", he said.

"It should confine itself to settling certain administrative problems connected with the restoration of the Indonesian Government.

"If this preliminary conference is intended to discuss any other procedure, it would contravene the Security Council resolution—unless the Indonesian representatives attend as members of their Government.

"There must also be a time limit for the re-establishment of the Indonesian Government at Jogjakarta, otherwise negotiations will go on indefinitely".

SOVIET SUGGESTION

M. Jacob Malik (Russia) opposed any participation by the United Nations Indonesian Commission in the Round Table Conference proposed by Holland.

"This would be merely a screen to cover up Netherlands aggression", he declared.

He said his delegation also opposed the suggested preliminary conference, for the Security Council has called for the immediate release of the Indonesian leaders, and should insist on this being obeyed.

Sir Terence Shone (Britain) supported the Canadian proposal to hold exploratory talks under the auspices of the United Nations Commission.

He said: "The Netherlands have explained why they could not comply with the Security Council's resolution in its entirety. It is perhaps only natural that the arguments put forward by the Netherlands in defence of their attitude should be subject to criticism by the Council.

My delegation shares in wide measure the views of the United States representative. In particular we believe with him that military action cannot be permitted to eliminate one of the parties to the dispute.

"And we agree that until the Indonesian Government can reassemble as an organised body, it cannot be expected to assume the responsibilities for negotiation of a lasting settlement".

Referring to the proposed Round-Table Conference, Sir Terence Shone said: "For our part, we do not want to express doubts on the sincerity of the Netherlands Government, but none of us can ignore the existence of those doubts nor the need for removing them", he declared.

The latest Dutch plan could not achieve any result unless all parties willingly co-operated.

"My delegation considers that we should look at the latest Netherlands proposals dispassionately", he added.

"We feel that this Council, through the Indonesian Commission, should make all efforts to establish conditions which will make it possible for the Indonesian Government to agree to take part in Round Table talks.

"We therefore support the Canadian proposal for the holding of an exploratory conference".

The Council adjourned until Wednesday night.

SIX INDONESIANS REACH CEYLON IN A SAMPAN

COLOMBO.— Six Indonesian seamen who left Penang for Sumatra in a 3-ton sampan found themselves off the East coast of Ceylon after being at sea for 19 days.

When they first sighted land they thought they had reached their destination and were very surprised when they were told they were several hundred miles away in a totally different direction.

In getting ashore in rough seas they lost their supplies of fresh water and food and most of their clothing. They were brought to Colombo, where they were looked after by the Dutch Consul and repatriated in a Dutch ship.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

The Indian Industries Fair was opened at the Azad Maidan by Governor Raja Maharaj Singh on Monday. Picture shows a view of the entrance to the Fair.

Middle Eastern Countries Can Help World Economic Recovery

U. N. Sub-Committee Submits Report

LAKE SUCCESS, March 14. (PTI-Reuter): A committee set up in Maren 1948 by the United Nations Economic and Social Council to study urgent Middle Eastern problems reported today that the region could make "an important contribution to world economic recovery."

Referring to "the great mineral and other resources" of the region, report urged creation of a commision to "raise the level of economic activity and improve the standard of living of the Middle Eastern people."

"The solution to the Middle Eastern economic problems due to the war and current world difficulties called for concerted regional efforts," the report stated.

The Economic and Social Council will hold a full dress debate on the proposed commission in July.

The Committee recommended membership of the Commission for afghanistan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Greece, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and Yemen. It suggested that any non-self-governing territory in the Arabian Peninsula, the Eastern Mediterranean and North East Africa would be proposed for associate membership by its mandatory state.

The report attributed part of the strain on Middle Eastern countries to the existence of several hundred thousand allied soldiers during the war, increased population and influx of refugees.

CANADA'S DEFENCE EXPENDITURE INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT

OTTAWA, March 14. (PTI-Reuter): A 50 per cent increase in Canada's defence expenditure was revealed in the 1949-50 estimates tables in the House of Commons to-day by Finance Minister Douglas Abott.

Defence expenditure for the fiscal year commencing April one will be 375 million dollars.

The amount on the present fiscal year was 251 million dollars.

The total expenditure provided for in the estimates is 2,217,678,181 dollars abou 27 million dollars higher than the total estimates for the present fiscal year.

A defence department spokesman said the bulk of the increase would go in re-equipping the Canadian armed forces, notably producing the new jet fighting for the air force and a new type submarine chaser for the Royal Canadian Navy.

Additional heavy expenditure is anticipated in training and equipping Canada's airborne brigade which is expected to be ready to fil. its role as the nation's anti-invasion striking force early next year.

Eastern Situation Deteriorating

LONDON, (U.P.A.): British Government officials said the "rapid deterioration in the Far Eastern situation called for urgent and effective co-operation among Southeast Asia and Commonwealth countries"

They said all official reports showed a "rapid worsening throughout Southeast Asia".

In Malaya there was "no improvement" and tin and rubber industries were being seriously affected.

In Burma the Government had lost control and rebellious elements now had "free access to the Siam, Indo-China and Assam borders where their influence is practically unhampered".

In Indonesia chaos was spreading with the virtual collapse of all administration due to disunity among Indonesian federal leaders. Communist influence was becoming manifest under veteran leader Tan Malakka operating from his mountain headquarters near Madium, in Java. Malakka was said to be supported at least partially by the Mohammedan coalition which previously backed the Indonesian Republican Government under Dr. Hotta.

From Indo-China reports said Viet Nam leaders had voted opposition to French Government moves towards a rapprochecent by installing Annamese Emperor Bao Dai as ruler of Indo-China.

From India reports of widespread Communist activity were described as "disquieting" while the Pakistan Government was said to be perturbed by the unrest in Eastern Pakistan due to the "influx of dubious elements from Burma".

Official reports said the effects of the Communist victories in China have yet to be fully assessed.

The four special British envoys to the Commonwealth capitals carry mandates to "discuss these issues with Commonwealth governments".

They would also convey the British Government's conviction that individual action by any one Commonwealth country would achieve little and that there must be "closest co-operation among all nations having interests in the Far East threatened by Communism".

In the British view such co-operation would not entail the regional pacts which the Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, disclaimed in the Indian Parliament.

British officials said, "In resisting Communism the interests of South-east Asian countries and the Western powers largely coincide. The Western Powers certainly offer the best cover from Communism until such times as the self-governing administrations can properly undertake their own responsibilities. There appears no reason why concerted action for economic reconstruction cannot be carried out within the framework of the Western Union and the Atlantic Pact.

Completion Of Tungabhadra Project By 1953

Madras Minister's Reply In Assembly

MADRAS, March 15 (API): The construction of the Tungabhadra project on the Madras side was expected to be completed by 1953, said Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister for Public Works during the question hour in the Madras Assembly today. The Minister said there was some delay in the construction of the project during the Hyderabad police action but now satisfactory progress was being made.

The Minister said that about 90 per cent of the evacuation for the dam foundation had been done and grouting operations were in progress. The work in regard to the canal portion was also in progress and 95 per cent of the work had been completed.

A joint venture of Madras and Hyderabad, the project envisages the construction of a dam across the Tungabhadra River at Mallapuram and the excavation of a canal 210 miles in length, designed to irrigate a large tract of land in Bellary and Kurnool districts of the province. The project is expected to cost the Madras Government Rs. 17 crores.

SEPARATI. JUDICIARY FROM EXECUTIVE

The scheme for the separation of the judiciary from the executive had been postponed for the time being, said Mr. K. Madhava Menon Minister in Charge of Law, answering a question in the Madras Assembly today.

The Minister refuted the suggestion that the Government had abandoned the scheme on the advice of the Central Government. He said he was not prepared to give the reason for the postponement of the scheme, which, he added, was expected to be implemented "as soon as the necessity for the present postponement is over".

Britons Trained Ethiopian Army

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA: Major General A. E. Cottam who has left here after almost seven years as head of the British Military Mission to Ethiopia, laid the foundations of the modern Ethiopian army.

In 1942 when Major General Cottam took over command of the Imperial Ethiopian Army it consisted of just six battalions with a total strength of about 1200. Today there are three regular divisions with a total strength of between 36,000 and 40,000.

A good deal of Army equipment has been bought from Britain. A permanent military training school has been set up at Holatta, about 37 miles from Addis Ababa. In addition young Ethiopian Army officers are sent to Britain and the United States for advanced studies.

In September last the command of the Imperial Ethiopian Army was transferred to the Ethiopian War Minister and from then on Major General Cottam acted as an advisor in his capacity as head of the British Mission.

STOCK DEALINGS LIMITED

Prices Close Irregular

NEW YORK, March 14, (U. P. A.): The coal mine "vacation" and the threat it carried of restrictions on industrial production for lack of fuel limited dealings on the New York Stock Exchange today and prices were irregular at the close.

The threat of industrial disruption was set off somewhat by the publication of numerous good earnings reports, including record net for the General Motors and Shell Oil and a further rise in steel production.

The American and Steel Institute said steel mills will turn out 1,880,400 net tons this week, the most for any week in history. But from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation came a warning that while steel companies have considerable coal on hand, reduction in the production of steel is inevitable if the mine shutdown is drawn out.

Stock sales amounted to 800,000 and curb sales amounted to 160,000 anarea. Turn-over in bonds came to 001, 2,590,000.

Dow Jones average closings included: Industrials, 176.98; rails, 48.90; Utilities, 35.31 and bonds 98.87.

Closing prices included:

STOCKS: Abbott Laboratories 78 3/8; Allied Chemicals 178; American Can 90 3/4; American Radiator 13 3/4; American Smelting 49 3/4; American Sugar 34; American Telephone 147 1/4; American Tobacco 66 1/2; Anaconda Copper 31 5/8; Bankers Trust 39 3/8; Bethelehem Steel 32; Boeing Plant 23; Canadian Pacific 12 1/2; Celanese 25 3/4; Chase National Bank 35 3/4; Chrysler 54 5/8; Consolidated Edison 21 7/8; Coty ——; Douglas Aircraft 56 1/2; Dupont 185 1/8; Eastman Kodak 46 5/8; Firestone Tire and Rubber 49 1/2; General Electric 38 1/4; General Motors 60; Gillette 30 7/8; Goodyear 42 7/8; International Nickel 28 3/4; International Tel. & Tel 9 5/8; Lockheed 19 1/2; Nash Kelvinator 13; National City Bank 39 3/4; New York Central 11 3/8; Pennsylvania Railroad 15 3/4; Shell Oil 35; Southern Pacific 42 3/4; Standard Oil of New Jersey 69 1/2; Studebaker 19 5/8; Swift and Co. 30; Twentieth Century Fox 19 7/8; U. S Steel 73 5/8; Warner Brothers 10 7/8; Westinghouse Electric 24 1/4; Brazilian Traction ——, Technicolor 11-7/8

Madras Share Market Steady

MADRAS, March 7 (APD): On the local market tea shares maintained ground with good support for popular scrips. Rubber shares were lower, textiles attracted considerable attention with keen buyers expecting maximum dividend announcement in the Coimbatore group of shares, Miscellaneous section was featureless but chemical shares were again pressed. Mettur chemicals lost ground at Rs. 7|2

The market closed steady.

Following are today's quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three percent Govt. of India Paper 98|7 three percent 1986 98|10 three percent 1953| 55 101|6 three percent Government of Madras 1960 100|-

BANKS: Travancore 17.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 18|- Travancore 8|2 plantings: Blue mountain 2|6|6 Chembra 4|12 Cochin Malabar 4|- Devashola 18|- Midland 4|6 Nelliampathy 1|5 Ouchterlony 5|10 Periakaramalai 21|12 Thirumbadi T R. and T. Co. 5|12 Waterfalls 2|9.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 155|- Cambodia 9|6 Buckingham Pref 193|- Coimbatore CM 113|- Lakshmi 63|8 Madura 43|10 Mettur 305|10 Mysore Spun 6|3 Radha Krishna 140|- Ranga Vilas 45|6 Trav 3|12 Trichinopony 11|2

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64| Fact 4|10|6 Mettur Chem 7|2

Negro Woman To Head Jury At Communist Trial?

NEW YORK, March 14. A Negro woman is the tentative foreman of the federal jury at the New York trial of 11 Communist leaders charged with conspiracy to advocate overthrow of the United States Government by force.

Mrs. Thelma Dial Negro housewife, heads the list of 12 prospective jurors —five women and seven men—and will automatically become foreman if her name remains on the list after defense and prosecution challenges.

Mrs. Dial's position is of particular interest since the trial of the 11 Communist was delayed seven weeks while the defense attacked the federal jury system, alleging that women, Negroes, Jews and persons o flow income are not acceptable federal jury duty.

The trial finally began last week after Federal Judge Harold Medina rejected defense claims that an impartial jury was impossible.—USIS.

PROFESSORSHIP OF EASTERN RELIGIONS

OXFORD (By Cable).—Oxford University has been offered £42,000 (Rs. 5,60,000) to endow a Professorship of Eastern Religions and Ethics.

A Professorship in this subject has been established for some years on an experimental basis. Now, by the generosity of its founders, Mr. and Mrs. Spalding of Oxford, it can be placed on a permanent footing. It will also be possible to provide a travelling fund for the use of the professor who holds the post.

The founders make only one condition. It is that a permanent interest shall be built up in the University in the great religions and ethical systems of the East, whether expressed in philosophic, poetic, devotional or other literature. Its influence on art, history, social life and national structure is also to be studied. The aim is to bring together the world's great religions in closer understanding, harmony and friendship.

Its purpose will also be to promote co-operation with other universities, bodies and persons in the East and West pursuing like ends. It is considered that this is likely to be furthered by establishing a permanent professorship at Oxford. The post would normally be held by persons of Asian descent.—L.P.S.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 14.

March	32.27
May	32.06
July	30.98
October	28.18
December	27.99
Middling Spot	33.37

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
NEW YORK, March 14.

March	32.14
May	32.94
July	30.90
October	28.14
December	27.94
Middling Spot	32.35

The Volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 800,000 share. The Highest and Lowest U. S. Steel trading prices were 73-7/8 and 73-1/4 respectively.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, March 14.

Consols 2-1/2 p c	30-1/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-5/8
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	114-7/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103-15-16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	
London Reg.	103-1/2
National Bank of India	38 1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at unrecd.

LONDON WHEAT
LONDON, March 14.

LONDON: Australian Wheat new crop 96 March/April

LONDON BULLION
LONDON, March 14.

London Silver Spot and forward	43-1/2d
Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/12/3

LONDON EXCHANGE
LONDON, March 14.

T. T. London on:

	SELLING	BUYING
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.36
Stockholm	14.47 to	14.50

CHICAGO WHEAT
CHICAGO, March 14.

May	2.14-3/8
July	1.90
September	1.90
December	1.91-1/4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, March 14.

American Telephone and Telegraph	147-1/4
Amerex Holding Co.	26-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	31-5/8
Chase National Bank	36
Sinclair Oil	22-1/8
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	49-1/2
General Electric Co.	38-1/4
General Motors	60
Ingersol Rand	60-1/4
International Nickel	28-304 doubtful
National City Bank of New York	40
New York Central Rail Road Co.	11-3/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-3/8
Texas Corporation	52-3/4
Union Carbide	39-1/4
U. S. Smelting Refining Minirig Co.	48 bid
U. S. Steel Corporation (Common)	73-5/8
Western Union Telegraph	14-5/8

NEW YORK SILVER.
NEW YORK, March 14.

U. S. Price of foreign silver	71-1/2 cents.

LONDON BULLION.
LONDON, March 14.

Silve Spot and Forward	43-1/2d.
Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/12/3

Calicut Market

CALICUT, March 15

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145, Quilandy 145/155, Fibre Garbled 90, Ungarbled 80, Cocoanuts Raw 172/176, Dry 150/175, Cocoanut Oil 605, Copra Office 407/8, Dilpasand 412/8, Madras Nottam 435, Pepper Wynaad 1575, Country 1570, Dry Ginger Chernad 800, Ernad 760, Coffee Robusta 150, TIMBER: Pali 50/55, Junglewood 32/8/35, Vellapine 65/75, Benteak 50/55, Teak 90/125, Mango 3/3/4, Teak 20/25, Rosewood 20/22/8

WOOL TOP PRICES

NEW YORK, March 14, (U. P. A.): Wool tops closed steady, off five to 30. Closing prices included:—

March 155, 157.5, May 155, 156, July 155.5, 156, October 155.5, 156, December 154.5, 155, March, 1950 153.5, 154.5, May, 1950 152.5, 154.

Ceylon's Citizenship Act

COLOMBO.— Now that the Indian and Pakistan Residents (Citizenship) Act has been passed by the Senate, steps will be taken by the Ceylon Government to enforce the legislation.

One of the first steps in this connection will be the appointment of a Commissioner for the Registration of Indian Residents.

The Commissioner will be assisted by a Deputy Commissioner for the whole Island, or two or more Deputy Commissioners for specified areas of the Island. A certain number of investigating officers will also be appointed.

This staff is being appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the applications of Indian residents for registration as citizens of Ceylon, for the registering of those residents as are found to be qualified under the Act, and also for generally administering the provisions of the Act.

The Citizenship Act, is likely to be operated under the Minister of Home Affairs and several duties have been cast on the Minister under the Act.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

Nine Rubber Estates Close Down

COLOMBO.— Nine European-owned Rubber estates have closed down in the Horans area, according to a report from Horana area (about 15 miles from Colombo) quoted by the newspaper "Ceylon Observer".

The paper said that as a result of the closing down of these estates over 500 labourers have been given notice and a total of 2,000 labourers are likely to be dispensed with in the near future.

Reason for this situation, according to the "Ceylon Observer", is the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in the Rubber industry today.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

Silk Goods Market To Remain Closed

BOMBAY March 15 (API): The Bombay Silk Goods Market will remain closed tomorrow in honour of the late Seth Sewakram, son of Seth Kishenchand Chellaram, silk merchant. Seth Sewakram died in Bombay this morning.

NEW YORK MARKETS

As Viewed By P.T.I.-Reuter

NEW YORK March 14, (PTI-Reuter): Cotton early was quiet, moderate trade demand offset by scattered hedging. Later prices sagged on yiquidation of spot March and other selling. In the afternoon the market became firmer on increased trade demand and short covering with the latter probably associated with the recovery of grains, technical considerations and the agitation from increased credits for China particularly for cotton. The session closed very steady. Sales were about 150,000 bales.

STOCKS: The fortnight coal stoppage continued to exert negligible influence on prices but the volume dropped on the speculation whether it would end on schedule, on deflationary indications and further 1948 earnings. Changes were fractional eitherway with losses in slight majority. The averages were Industrials 176.94 and rails 49.03. In the afternoon, timidry better bidding for assorted steels, utilities, motors, oils and chemicals pushed the market narrowly higher on balance but activity was not much heavier. Nothing that the stocks of the companies cutting prices have fared well recently. Some brokers point out that such actions are fundamentally bullish because they reduce the possibility of control legislation and higher tax. Earlier improvement often failed to hold and the composite average again slipped narrowly lower. The session closed irregular.

CHICAGO GRAINS: Grains declined early on commission house liquidation and hedging reflecting favourable weather and crop news and large arrivals at the terminal markets. The Commodity Credit Corporation has reportedly reduced its wheat buying price by half a cent per bushel. Cash maize was easier. Subsequent strength of soybeans and Minneapolis May wheat brought a sharp rally from the lows.

NEW YORK COTTON

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Moreover, some traders sounded a note of pessimism pointing out the increase in export shipments thus far this season is being balanced off by the slow-down in the rate of domestic mill consumption. Some traders believe that with the prospects of another large crop and lower crop loan rate next season, it would probably be to the advantage of the producer to sell his cotton this season rather than hold it over in loan for future sale by Government out of the sellers' pool. Yet, bullishly inclined traders continued to stress the stability of spot cotton prices since the February commodity break.

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RAW JUTE AND JUTE GOODS

Australian Govt. Purchase To Continue

CANBERRA, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister today announced the Cabinet had decided Government purchase of raw jute and jute goods would continue in 1949-50.

The Indian Government is still exercising rigid control of export quotas" he said. The jute market is at a very high level, prices having risen during the last year, and reserve stocks in Australia are comparatively low.

These conditions render it almost impossible for private traders to purchase. Under the Australian Government's plan, users are charged only the actual cost of goods plus fixed margins for distributions and there is no speculative feature in the purchasing plan."

WORTH STREET QUIET

NEW YORK, March 14, (U. P. A.): The Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market started the week quietly with producers preoccupied with planning weaving schedules and checking over inventory and sales positions. Meanwhile, buyers held to quick and nearby deliveries on certain constructions like broadcloths and wide print goods but otherwise continued to mark time awaiting consumer prices reaction and eastern buying. Rayon activity was spotty although some converters noted a pickup in demand for certain types of finished goods including multifilament crepe for blouse trade and prints for dress trade.

GRAINS RALLY BRISKLY

CHICAGO, March 14, (U. P. A.): Grain prices rallied briskly toward the close on the Chicago Board of Trade today responding to the relative strength in the Minneapolis wheat market and reports of a sharp pickup in flour business among North-western mills over the week-end. The earlier declines reflected favourable weather in American South-west and news of a billion bushel wheat crop for Russia last year.

Closing prices included:

May 2.14-3/8—1/2, July 1.90-1.90-1/8, September 1.90-1.89-3/4, December 1.91-1/8.

Britain Springs Big Economic Surprise

BALANCE OF TRADE ACCOUNTS ACHIEVED

But Bogey Of Vast Dollar Deficit Is "Now The Worst Danger Spot," Says Cripps

LONDON, MARCH 15 (PTI-REUTER): BRITAIN IN HER BATTLE FOR RECOVERY, HAS SURPRISED EVEN HER OWN ECONOMISTS BY BALANCING HER TRADE ACCOUNT WITH THE WORLD AS A WHOLE, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT

But—and it is a vital but—within this overall squaring of accounts there remains the bogey of a vast dollar deficit.

WORST DANGER SPOT

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, described this deficit in his annual economic survey published today as 'now the worst danger spot in the economy'

The 63-page long survey revealed that Britain is expected to have a surplus of £15,000,000 in her balance of external payments for the 12 months ending next June.

This came as a surprise, because as recently as last December the Government estimated a deficit of £362,000,000 for this period.

The survey explained that the estimated deficit has been based on stale data. It had assumed that she would have to pay rather higher prices than in fact prevailed and it understimated the increase on British exports which has since occurred

Not only has Britain achieved a balance with the world—she expects to retain it.

The survey said: "The outstanding fact is that, despite the assumption of a considerable increase in imports our payments are expected to remain approximately in balance".

But the survey sounded this sobering note on general prospects: "It is possible to expect that 1949 will improve on 1948 as markedly as did 1948 on 1947".

It described the nation's feat in balancing her world account as a "noteworthy achievement, comparing it with the huge deficit of £630,000,000 in 1947.".

But the survey added, this achievement "represents only a stage in the progress toward our final goal of full economic independence. The dollar deficit remains the crucial problem"

Within the balance with the world as a whole, the dollar deficit for the first half of 1949 is forecast at £106,000,000. This compares with £169,000,000 in the second half of 1948, £264,000,000 in the first half of 1948, and crisis level of £1,024,000,000 for the whole of 1947.

Britain's own deficit with the dollar area is not expected to re-expand, but it thought there may be a small increase during the present half year in the dollar deficit of the rest of the sterling area.

Primary concern of the survey was with the dollar deficit and the need to become independent of United States and Canadian help.

"Above all else in 1949," it said, "we must so conduct our affairs that we can do without such help as soon as possible".

THE REQUISITES

Solving the long-term dollar problem things, the survey said:

These are 1 More home production of dollar-savers. 2 More exports of dollar-earners, including oil 3 Further diversion of imports from dollar sources. 4 Colonial development, to mat tain the substantial dollar surplus earned by the colonies. 5. Assisting the sterling area countries to economise dollar imports and expand dollar exports.

But the survey said: Our object is not to build up a non-dollar world from which dollar goods are to be perficit with the dollar world so that we can ultimately get back to a normal pattern of world trade".

The survey stated that all forecasts and programmes for 1949 were based upon the assumption of adequate North American aid.

The survey declared co-operation with the Common wealth countries, both the independent nations and the Colonies, must be further developed.

The "particularly difficult problem" of the balance of payments between Canada and the rest of the Commonwealth, including Britain, must be solved before overseas trade can be restored to health and prosperity.

The survey pointed out that gold and dollar payments to non-dollar countries are expected to be large, because of the difficulty of achieving a balance in the sterling areas relations with certain non-dollar countries, such as Belgium, Switzerland and Persia.

Military expenditure overseas in the first half of 1949 is expected to be £62,000,000 against £50,000,000 in the second half of last year.

NOT SO AT HOME

Little, if any, improvement is promised in personal expenditure at home. Allowing for changes in prices, it increased by one half of one percent last year. By value it is expected to increase by two and a half per cent this year, but the real increase would be smaller since prices have risen.

EGYPT NEEDS INDIA'S HELP

Press Delegation's Plea At Reception

MADRAS, March 15 (API): "We regard India as our elder sister and we look to her for help in our problems", said the Leader of the Egyptian Press Delegation Mr. Abdel Ahmed El Aamidi, at reception given in their honour by the Southern Indian Journalists Federation this evening.

Mr. Abdel said that they felt proud to say that wherever they went in India they found Muslims and Hindus living in perfect amity. They in Egypt considered Muslims in India only in terms of Indians and he was glad that Muslims of India, though in a minority, were contented and happy.

The two ancient countries of India and Egypt, he said, had many things in common and they were really proud of their rich heritage, culture and civilisation. He assured that the Press in Egypt would strive to foster the good relations already existing between the two countries.

Arrested For Alleged Subversive Activities

CALCUTTA, March 15 (UPI): Arthendu Bhusan Roy Choudhury was arrested yesterday in North Calcutta by the Special Branch police for subversive activities and also for possessing objectionable papers. He was remanded to police custody today, in default of bail of Rs. 1,000 granted by the Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta.

"SUPREME SOVIET, A PUPPET SHOW

NEW YORK, Mar. 15: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is neither a union nor socialistic nor republican but a firm dictatorship of a few men, says the New York TIMES in a penetrating analysis of Russian policy.

The TIMES, in its editorial on Friday, said, in full:—

"The Supreme Soviet of the USSR has assembled in Moscow for a session that may provide some clues to the meaning of the recent shifts in the Soviet Government and the direction of Soviet policy. One such clue may be contained in the fact that simultaneously with the opening of the Supreme Soviet, the Moscow PRAVADA features, presumably for the guidance of the deputies, speech made by Mr. Stalin 10 years ago, expounding certain principles which are declared to be still the basis of Soviet foreign policy of peace, of caution against being dragged into war by warmongers and of strengthening business relations with all countries and on the other hand demand the strengthening of the Soviet armed forces to the utmost and a further strengthening of 'the international bonds of friendship with the working people of all countries.'

"This speech was made on March 10, 1939, in a period of watchful waiting, when the Soviets were weighing the advantages of sliding either with the Western powers or with Hitler and Mussolini to keep their hands free. The renewed emphasis on this speech suggests similar attitude now with this difference: possessing already the largest army in the world, the Soviets have further increased their armament budget by 20 percent and they have carried 'strengthening of the international bonds of friendship' to the point of commanding Communist treason in other countries.

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"Whatever further clues may be forthcoming will have to appear in the actions and speeches of the Soviet have further increased their armament budget by 20 percent and they have carried 'strengthening of the international bonds of friendship' to the point of commanding Communist treaso in other countries.

NEITHER SUPREME NOR A SOVIET

"Whatever further clues may be forthcoming will have to appear in the actions and speeches of the Soviet rulers rather than in the debatees of this model parliament of the model Communist democracy. For the Supreme Soviet is neither supreme nor a Soviet in the sense of council just as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is neither a union nor socialistic nor republican, but a firm dictatorship of a few men. Like Hitler's regimented Reichstag, the Supreme Soviet sits only for a short while usually a week; it does not debate and never opposes, but only ratifies unanimously and at once whatever measures the Politburo puts before it. If the deputies raise their voices at all it is to hail Stalin's name whenever it is mentioned which is often.

PUPPET SHOW

"The Supreme Soviet is a puppet show, dancing as the Kremlin pulls the strings. But neither its regimented unanimity nor the secrecy of the Kremlin can disguise the strains or stresses that test the Soviet as they test all other regimes in this uneasy postwar world."

Escaped Communist Rearrested

VIJAYAWADA, March 15 (API): The police claim to have re-arrested a prominent Communist who is said to have escaped from the Warangal Central Jail in Hyderabad State on March 2.

Two more Communists said to be connected with the Central Communist organisation, have also been arrested here. A man said to be financing Communists, has been taken into custody.

Large quantities of explosive materials, including a revolver a military handgrenades, three muzzle-loading guns, five dynamites and one binocular have been seised.

WAR ON NEW YORK'S POLITICAL UNDER WORLD

Multi-Miillionaire's Crusade To Restore Good Government

A NEW YORK MULTI-MILLIONAIRE—IN THE PERSON OF CLENDENIN RYAN, WHO INHERITS A FORTUNE USUALLY ESTIMATED AT ABOUT DOLLARS 135,000,000—HAS DECLARED WAR ON THE POLITICAL UNDERWORLD OF NEW YORK, HOPING THAT THE FOUNDATION WOULD ALSO HELP ANY GOOD GOVERNMENT CRUSADE ANYWHERE IN THE U.S. WITH THIS NOBLE OBJECT HE HAS TOSSED A MILLION DOLLARS INTO THE FIGHT.

HERE IS A CLOSE-UP PICTURE, OF THE MAN WHO INTENDS TO FIGHT POLITICAL CORRUPTION, AS DRAWN BY MR. ROBERT MUSEL. UPA STAFF CORRESPONDENT—

NEW YORK, March 13. (UPA)—One of the world's richest men has set out to fight the political underworld in the cause of democracy.

And Clendenin Ryan is willing to bet his vast holdings to break the shadowy syndicate which, he believes, is corrupting municipal government cities from New York to Los Angeles.

Yesterday he tossed his first $1,000,000 into the battle. "There's more where that came from", he said. This is an understatement for the man whose inheritance from his capitalist grandfather Thomas Fortune Ryan, usually is estimated at about $135,000,000.

The national scope of what originally started out as an attack on the administration of Mayor William O'Dwyer was disclosed by Ryan in his lush six-storey mansion he bought for several hundred thousand dollars so that he could have an headquarters for his campaign.

Workmen were lining the big salons with expensive paintings—an overflow from his own luxurious establishment a few doors down 69th Street.

A stocky, enthusiastic man in his forties, Ryan has been interested in what he calls democratic government since the late crusading Mayor La Guardia appointed him secretary 15 years ago. Now he professes to see in the United States the same sapping of democratic process that led to the fal of France.

He looked belligerent as he snapped that he had in his vaults evidence to show this rotting could be attributed directly to a nationwide group headed by mysterious Frank Costello of New York whose intimates respectfully refer to him as "The Prime Minister". He said, "This gang even controls the Communist Party and uses it to foment strikes. It is powerful, resourceful and dangerous".

PACIFIC WAR HERO.

Part of Ryan's evidence was compiled by Desmond Fitzgerald, hand some young attorney who, as a Pacific war hero, led a Chinese battalion far behind Japanese lines. He nodded as Ryan built up a picture of a network of underworld tycoons whose operations dwarf anything ever dreamed of by Al Capone and who have innumerable legitimate business connections as well.

Ryan's staff is rugged. Almost all are combat veterans and he casually mentioned that his counsel, former Judge Edmund Palmeri, had survived on a threat of death.

"We were not afraid of the Japs and Germans", said Ryan, who also is a Pacific veteran. "So why should we be afraid of "them".

"Ryan's group has 20 stacks of data about "them" and while he is reluctant to reveal evidence prematurely, he implied it might concern big time operations in Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and New Orleans, as well as other cities.

"Any group anywhere that wants our help and advice in obtaining democratic government is welcome to it". Ryan said. "We will eventually open a mid-west office and spread out from there. We might for example answer a call in Louisiana or Georgia".

"Why Louisiana"? he was asked.

"Well" he said, "we do not want another Huey Long coming up there do we?"

NOT A GANG-BUSTER

Joseph Lilley, Executive Director of the group, tentatively named the National Foundation for Good Government, interposed mildly that it should not be assumed the multi-millionaire is a gang-buster who would force his help on other cities.

Ryan yesterday visited the City Hall He stood on the steps before a small crow in drizzling rain and read a Grand Jury presentment handed down in 1945 against the then District Attorney O'Dwyer. When he finished Ryan took a large hammer and marched to the City Hall entrance and nailed a copy to the door.

Asked if he knew that the charge acusing O'Dwyer, of "gross laxity and maladministration in office" were made public in 1948, he said: "Yes, but why did Governor Dewey not do something about it? It was obviously suppressed".

The multi-millionaire's voice cracked with excitement. "It is a hell of a kind of a mayor to have", he cried.

Police made no move to interfere.

NEW YORK, March 13. (UPA)—Mayor William O'Dwyer disclosed yesterday a "fantastic and incredible" plot to tap telephones of officials here and other cities and District Attorney's office "invited" Clendenin Ryan, heir to $100,000,000 to appear for questioning.

One of the world's richest men, Ryan opened a bitter attack on the O'Dwyer Administration this week, on the ground that it was linked with Frank Costello, alleged boss of the nation's slot machines racket.

District Attorney Frank Hogan asked him to come in after O'Dwyer charged that the confessions obtained thus far had indicated the plot was financed for $100,000 by a "prominent New Yorker". The multi-millionaire civic crusader replied that he was "too busy" to appear today because it had week-end guests, but would be glad to come in Monday.

Only 12 hours after O'Dwyer announced that Kenneth Ryan, a former city detective and wire tapping expert had confessed to tapping telephones with Edward Jones, former United States Treasury agent, newspapers began to ask questions about some aspects of the case.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

The "World Telegram" printed unanswered questions which included, how Ryan managed to escape from the City Hall after his alleged confession "in the shadow of the Mayor's office which was swarming with police from the Commissioner to the patrolman?"

Meanwhile, John G. Broady, attorney and investigator for Clendenin Ryan, finally accepted service of a subpoena from the City Commissioner of Investigation after refusing to open the door of his comfortable apartment for 12 hours.

Broady was prominent in news in 1936 when he won his client a divorce from Countess Wurmbland Stuppach with the evidence he allegedly obtained by making love to the noblewoman's maid.

Before Kenneth Ryan fled he showed police what they described as an "arsenal of wire tapping in his home in Yonkers. Police said the equipment was stolen from the New York Telephone Company over a period of years."

With Ryan gone, O'Dwyer turned his attention to Jones and after several hours of intensive examination announced that the former Treasury agent had given even more startling information with a list of "names and organisations". Persons mentioned in the list will be summoned for questioning by District Attorney.

Clendenin Ryan put up about $1,000,000 this week to found the National Foundation for Good Government. In a lavish six-storey mansion in midtown Manhattan residential area with the primary purpose to "destroy" the power of Costello and to "restore good government to New York City". "Ryan added that the foundation would also help any good government crusades anywhere in the United States".

COLOURED GIRL IS ATOM BOMB EXPERT

CAPE TOWN.— A brilliant young coloured woman from a distinguished Cape Town coloured family, has been honoured by being classed as an atomic energy expert.

She is 27-year-old Dr. Freda Adams, formerly of Port Elizabeth, who has been invited by the French Academy to attend the International Conference on Atomic Energy Research, to be held in Paris in a few months' time.

Doctor Adams is now a member of the Board of Research at Atomic Energy in New Delhi. She received part of her education in England and was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 1933.

She is one of the four children of the Reverend James Adams and a sister of Doctor D.P.S. Adams Director of the African Historical Research Association.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

U. S. House Gets Minimum Wage-Boost Measure

WASHINGTON, March 14. The U. S. House of Representatives is expected to act within the next two weeks on an Administration bill calling for a boost in the minimum wage for workers covered by the Fair Labour Standards Act.

The present minimum is 40 cents an hour. The Administration bill, reported favourably by the House Labour Committee last week would raise to this to 75 cents. A close vote is predicted when the measure comes up before the full House.

Some, 22,600,000 workers are now covered by the Act, and it is estimated that eight per cent of these currently receive less than the proposed 75-cents-an-hour minimum.—USIS.

Dates From Iraq

COLOMBO.— Representations have been made to the Ceylon Government with a view to facilitating the trade in dates between Iraq and Ceylon by the four-man delegation from Iraq which has arrived here.

"The Government has promised to consider our suggestion to relax the restrictions placed on the import of dates to Ceylon", said Mr. Salman Jwaidesh, Secretary of the delegation.

"We import among other things, Rs. 3,000,000 worth of tea every year from Ceylon without any restrictions, and we feel that the Ceylon Government should not restrict the import to Ceylon of dates from Iraq", he said.

The delegation is led by H. E. Abdullah Al-Qasaab and the other two members are Mr. Amir Al-Kamil and Mr. Mustafa Asad Khan.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

AHMEDABAD CONGRESS MUNICIPAL PARTY

Chinubhai Seth Elected Leader

AHMEDABAD, March 15 (API): Mr. Chinubhai Chimanlal Seth was elected leader and Mr. Mustafamiya Kadri, Deputy leader of the Congress Municipal party at its first meeting held at Congress House today

Each member of the party took a pledge to conduct the municipal affairs selflessly, honestly and without any distinction of caste, creed or community.

THIRD LONGEST FILIBUSTER IN U. S. SENATE HISTORY

Southern Senator's Marathon Address Lasts 12 Hours And 21 Minutes

WASHINGTON, March 15. (UPA)—Most spectators in the gallery were hoarse just listening to him, but Senator Allen Ellender did not even ask for a cough drop after finishing the third longest filibuster in Senate history this morning.

He said, "I could do it again hands down".

He spoke for 12 hours and 21 minutes as part of the Southern talkathon against a proposed Senate rules change that might pave the way for President Truman's civil rights programme.

The athletic looking 57-year-old Southerner, who keeps in trim with a pair of boxing gloves, set a new record in one respect—his was the longest Senate speech ever made without the benefit of a quorum call, a handy Senate roll taking device that gives a filibusterer time to catch his breath.

WHEN FRIENDLY SENATORS HELPED

The late Senator Robert Lafollette of Wisconsin talked 18 hours and 25 minutes in 1908 but was given a lift by friendly Senators who asked a lot of questions and took a long time doing it. He also got some quorum calls.

The same was true for the late Senator Huey Long who talked 15 hours and 35 minutes in 1935.

For a while after Ellender began talking at 12-25 p.m. Monday, fellow Southerners volunteered questions, but later in the afternoon he began waving aside such queries and concentrating instead on his prepared statement.

In the course of his comments he recited the history of the election laws of 48 states.

DIDN'T EVEN LOOSEN HIS COLLAR

He sipped sparingly from a glass of water occasionally.

Ellender's voice was strong and his enunciation clear when he wound up the marathon address. He had not even bothered to loosen his collar.

EXEMPTIONS FROM BANKING COMPANIES ACT

Under a notification issued today, March 16, 1949, the Government of India have, on the recommendation of the Reserve Bank of India, granted certain exemptions from the provisions of the Banking Companies Act, 1949, for a perid of six months.

All banking companies are exempted during this period from the provisions of Sections 10 (1) (c) (i) and (ii) and 16 which debar a banking company from having any director who is a director of any other banking company and from being managed by a person who is a director of any other business or vocation, any other business or vocation. Twelve banking companies, which are members of the Displaced Banks' Association, have, in addition, been exempted during this period from the provisions of Section 10(1)(b) (i) in so far as these prohibit the employment of a person who is or at any time has been adjudicated insolvent or has suspended payment or has compounded with his creditors and also from the provisions of Section 25 which require a banking company to keep assets in India equal to at least 75 per cent of its time and demand liabilities in India.

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Russia Massing Troops Along Baltic Borders?

FOUR-FRONT NERVE WAR LAUNCHED AGAINST SCANDINAVIA

Diplomatic Note To Sweden Against "Terrorisation" Of Balts

STOCKHOLM, MARCH 15. (PTI-REUTER):: RUSSIA HAS LAUNCHED A FOUR-FRONT NERVE WAR AGAINST SCANDINAVIA BY HER DIPLOMATIC NOTE CALLING ON SWEDEN TO "CEASE PERSECUTING BALTIC NATIONALS WISHING TO RETURN TO THE SOVIET UNION."

This latest note follows Russian press attacks on three other Baltic countries—Norway and Denmark, who are negotiating to join the North Atlantic Alliance, and Finland whose Premier is preparing to replace his social Democratic Government by a coalition including the Communists.

Russian papers reaching here have described Norway as a "springboard for imperialistic attacks on the Soviet Union;" and the Finnish as "reactionary and anti-Soviet".

At the same time rumours—believed by Danish observers to be Russian inspired—have circulated in Stockholm and Helsinki that the Red Army is massing troops along the Finnish-Norwegian borders.

Usually well-informed sources here forecast that Sweden will reply to Russia's latest note in the same firm and slightly ironic way, as to the previous Soviet note of last month.

Although the Russian notes speak of "terrorisation" of Balts by Swedish policemen, the only specific charges it makes against them are "pressure," "interrogating" and "illegal house searches," these sources say no charges of cruelty are made against the police.

These sources describe Russia's charges that Sweden is "putting obstruction in the way of Balts wishing to return to the Soviet Union," as "ridiculous".

They refer to the Swedish constitution, which enables anyone to leave the country without an exit permit provided he has a valid passport and is not wanted by the police for any criminal offence.

In the latest Russian note the Soviet Embassy rejected Swedish explanations given in a reply of March 2 to Russia's original note of February 28 and called for the release from prison of an Esthonian named Erik Suurvaeli.

This man, mentioned in the earlier note, pleaded guilty after being arrested by Swedish police for espionage. The Embassy referred again to cases of Baltic people "terrorised by Swedish authorities from returning home," as alleged in the previous note.

It alleged that Janus Maurans, a Lithuanian national, was "persecuted because he visited the Soviet consulate on August 29, 1948, to find out conditions for his return to the Soviet Union."

Maurans, the note said, was taken to a police station and "subjected to eight hours interrogation, during which he was insulted and pressed for a statement that he abandoned his intention of returning home."

Another Soviet citizens named Paern, the note alleged, was "subjected to even course arbitrary treatment, "having been put into a lunatic asylum "to prevent him from returning to the Soviet Union."

The Soviet note said it could not accept Swedish explanations as "in the least convincing."

"CEASE PERSECUTING RUSSIAN CITIZENS"

An earlier message stated:

STOCKHOLM, March 14. (PTI Reuter). Russia tonight sent a new diplomatic note to Sweden insisting that Swedish police "cease persecuting Soviet citizens who wish to return to the Soviet Union."

This note follows an earlier Russian note delivered to the Foreign Office here on Febuary 28, alleging that Swedish police were browbeating and illegally searching the homes of Baltic nationals who wished to return to their native country, and requesting the release of an Estonian named Erik Suurvaeli who pleaded guilty after being arrested by Swedish Police for espionage.

Sweden replying, rejected the charges outright and refused to release Suurvaeli.

Today's note which the Russian Embassy —contrary to diplomatic custom—handed to the press before it had been delivered to the Foreign Office here, said: "It is obvious that the Swedish Foreign Office's attempt to justify the Swedish authorities illegal actions is untenable."

Large Scale Demonstrations In Italy

Adherence To Atlantic Pact Resented

ROME, March 14. (PTI-Reuter): Armoured police cars cruised the streets of Italy's biggest industrial city, Milan, tonight ready to meet any largescale demonstration against Italian adherence to the Atlantic Pact.

In the centre of Turin, another great industrial city of the north, a crowd estimated at 20,000 heard a Communist Senator declare at an anti-Atlantic Pact demonstration that the popular control of the streets would prevail over Parliament.

Fifteen people, including 12 policemen were injured tonight in fighting which broke out in Naples following an anti-Atlantic Pact demonstration.

One policeman was stabbed in the abdomen with the staff of a flag and an official was beaten.

The crowds were eventually dispersed and anumber of demonstrators were detained.

In a debate on the Chamber of Deputies in Rome the Pact was sharply attacked by Communist members of Parliament.

ECONOMIC DEPRESSION THREATENS U. S.

NEW YORK, March 15. (U.P.I.): Mr. Lewis Haney, Professor of Economics, university of New York, writing in the current issue of the "New York Journal and American", warns business men to take precautionary measures against a possible major economic depression. Growing unemployment, lengthening relief and soupkitchen lines are reported in the American labour press from widely separated parts. In the State of California unemployment insurance claims exceed 400 thousand an increase of 70 per cent over last year.

In the state of New York, unemployment exceeds seven-hundred thousand in Cincinnati, the number of unemployed has double in the past few months and still keeps on growing.

The Federal Reserve Board reports a steep decline in department stores sales. Clothing is affected seriously. The output of shoes is below pre-war level. Even steel and automobile which hitherto were the strongest sectors in American economy, are beginning to display signs of weakness.

According to informed circles, further demands in increased war production will soon be made in the Congress to meet the economics crisis.

Turks Ban Student Trip To Cyprus

ISTANBUL.— The Turkish Government has refused to allow 150 Turkish university students to visit Cyprus, where they planned a tour of the island to manifest Turkish solidarity with Cyprus Turks.

It was feared the delegation might clash with 100 Greek students from Athens university bent on a series of pro-Greek demonstrations.

Students demonstrations have been held in several Turkish towns recently to express concern over 80,000 to 100,000 Turkish inhabitants of Cyprus in view of what is termed the communist movement within the island.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

NEW DELHI, March 14 (API.) Sir Maung Gyi, the Ambassador-designate of Burma to India arrived here this evening from Rangoon by air.

Russian Ministries Reorganised

Reshuffle Decided By Supreme Soviet

LONDON, March 15. (PTI-Reuter): Large-scale reorganisation of Soviet ministries, involving mergers of existing ministries and creation of new ones, was announced to-day by Moscow radio.

The radio said the reshuffle was decided upon by the Supreme Soviet, attended by more than 1,000 delegates, whose fifth session ended in Moscow last night.

MOSCOW, March 15. (PTI-Reuter): Russia's Supreme Soviet has relieved another member of the Politbureau—the third this month—of his state duties. Four other high officials were also released from their posts.

The Supreme Soviet approved a decree of its Praesidium relieving 45-year-old Politburo member Nikolai A Voznessensky from his position as president of the "Gosplan" (the state Planning Commission) and as Deputy Premier.

Another Deputy Premier, M. Maxim Zakharovich Saburov, was appointed to the Gosplan post. M. Saburov was the Gosplan Deputy Chief.

Other changes announced by the Supreme Soviet were:

M. Ivan Goliakov, President of the Supreme Court of the USSR, replaced by M. Anatoli Volin.

M. Popkov, member of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet and late Mayor of Leningrad, replaced by M. Vassil Andrianov, President of the Soviet Foreign Affairs Commission.

M. Nikofor Natalevich, Deputy Chairman of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, replaced by M. Vassily Kozlov.

M. Georgi Sturwa, Deputy Chairman of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, replaced by M. Vassily Gogwa.

These changes were announced at the fifth session of the Supreme Soviet, attended by more than 1,000 delegates, which ended last night with the final meeting of the Soviet of the Union.

The Soviet of the nationalities closed its meetings earlier in the day.

Ceylon Rubber For Indian Markets

COLOMBO.— Possibilities of Ceylon supplying India's growing demands for rubber, are envisaged by the Ceylon Trade Commissioner in Bombay, Mr. Annesley de Silva, in a trade review of the Indian market received in Colombo.

The Commissioner points out that plans are being discussed for the commencement of India's biggest tyre factory at Travancore.

"India is already in short of approximately 3,000 tons of rubber per year to meet the existing industries' needs", he says, and "if such big ventures are foreshadowed in the near future, Ceylon, no doubt, will be in a happy position to meet Indian's growing demands".—P.T.I.-Reuter.

Science To Aid Fishermen

COLOMBO.— The scientist and the practical fisherman must get together more closely in the interests of the fishing industry, according to Dr. H. Blegvad, leader of a 3-man fisheries team of experts from Denmark. He said this form of co-operation had achieved big results in his country.

Dr. Blegvad and his associates, who are here to study the type of fish caught around the Island, the kind of boats used and the implements employed by fishermen, believes that the average man in Ceylon is paying too much for his fish and that this situation can be improved.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

TWENTY MOTOR BOATS LAND AT ENGEDI

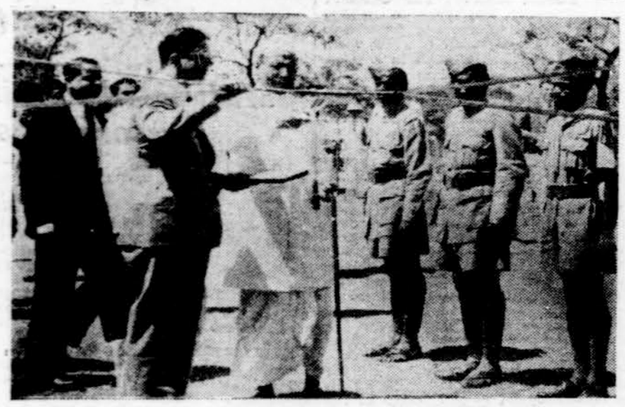
AMMAN, March 14. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Twenty motor boats and launches have landed an Israeli detachment at Engedi on the centre of the western shore of the Dead Sea, according to unconfirmed reports here today.

United Nations observers who are to investigate the situation at the Southern Transjordan port of Akaba were held up today when one of their planes made a crash landing at Amman airfield. Nobody was injured.

A second plane was unable to take off because of bad weather.

Deep mud has cut off road communication between the Transjordan capital and Akaba.

The forces which have reinforced British troops at Akaba consist of one battalion of marine commandos and a squadron of tanks, it was reported here.



Prime Minister Kher inaugurating the Sixth All-India Textile Conference at the V.J.T. Institute on Monday evening.

INDIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR S. AFRICAN RIOTS

Durban Mayor's Allegation Before Enquiry Commission

DURBAN March 14. (PTI-Reuter): Mr. L. L. Boyd, Mayor of Durban, told the Commission enquiring into the Durban riots that if European politicians had made anti-Indian statements in public it was because of "the vituperative propaganda" abroad by Indians.

Mr. Boyd alleged that the actions of the Indian community were largely responsible for the riots.

Asked by the Chairman, Justice Van Der Heever, if he thought the riots were largely due to politicians and Ministers of the Crown making derogatory statements about Indians—as had been suggested by some earlier witnesses—Mr. Boyd said: "If there is any connection between the two, then I think the Indian leaders brought that state of affairs upon themselves. It was the action of the Indians that gave rise to the original Indian outcry when legislation was passed to make penetration impossible."

He continued: "The Indians resorted to a campaign of vituperative propaganda abroad which, I think, incensed every European in this country."

If politicians had made anti-Indian statements in public he thought that this propaganda had caused them.

Asked to comment on allegations that police attempts to quell the riots were not forceful enough, Mr. Boyd said. "The police did all they could to handle a situation which arose so rapidly that it was not humanly possible to have forces in Durban large enough to deal with it immediately."

London Lawyer To Defend Negroes Sentenced To Death

NEW YORK, March 14. (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Ronald H. T. Whitty, a London lawyer, has been sent here by the Haldane Society to investigate the case of six Negroes, sentenced to death for the murder of a 72-year-old secondhand furniture dealer at Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. Whitty, son of the late Sir John Whitty, former acting Governor of the Bihar province of India, has been asked to obtain all information possible on the Trenton case by the Haldane Society, a group of English lawyers, and by the League for Coloured People.

"I have been shocked from a legal point of view with what I have found out about the case", said Mr. Whitty.

Mr. William Horner, a secondhand furniture dealer, was found bludgeoned to death in his shop on January 27, 1943.

Six Negroes, Collie English, Ralph Cooper, James Thorpe, James Mackenzie, Horace Wilson and McKinley Forrest have been convicted of the crime.

Their appeals against death sentence will be argued before the New Jersey supreme court next month.

ENDING COLONIALISM BY PACIFIC MEANS

HAVANA (Cuban), March 14. (PTI-Reuter): Fourteen Latin American countries are expected to attend the opening here tomorrow of a special Inter-American Commission to consider how colonialism in the Western Hemisphere can be ended "by Pacific means".

The Commission was called by the Pan-American Conference at Bagota, Colombo, last May.

The United States will not be represented by is expected to have an observer here. Britain, France and Holland, which have possessions in the Americas, may also send observers.

Chile, which has disputed Britain's right to Grahams land and other Antarctic territory, will also be absent.

Argentina and Guatemala, which are involved in disputes with Britain over the sovereignty of the Falkland islands dependencies and British Honduras respectively, have appointed special representatives. The other participants will be represented by their diplomatists accredited to Cuba.

Former Siamese Foreign Minister's Appeal To U. S.

BANGKOK, March 14. (PTI-Reuter): A usually reliable Chinese diplomat source said here to-day that former Siamese Foreign Minister and Ambassador to London, Nai Direck Jayanam, was seeking British or American aid to escape the present purge of alleged anti-Government plotters.

Nai Direck Jayanam, who was now living "under cover" in Bangkok, and appealed to a Chinese diplomatic friend here to mediate on his behalf, the source said.

The Chinese mediator had passed on this request with a denial that Nai was involved in last October's plot to overthrow Marshal Pibul Songkram's Government, it was added.

Nai Direck Jayanam was appointed Foreign Minister in the Pridi Panomyoung Government, whose followers were accused of planning the plot against Marshal Pibul Songkram.

LISTOWEL ATTENDS AUSTRALIAN CABINET MEETING

CANBERRA, March 15 (PTI-Reuter), Lord Listowel, British Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, attended a lengthy meeting of the Australian Cabinet today.

He arrived in Australia last Sunday for talks with the Australian and New Zealand Governments on matters arising from last year's London Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

An authoritative source told Reuter at the week-end that the main purpose of the talks would be to establish empire defence zones and that seven Dominion countries were taking part in similar talks with British experts during the week.

POLICE RAIDS AT BANGKOK

BANGKOK, Mar. 14 (PTI-Reuter): Police-manned roadblocks were thrown up in Bangkok again tonight with the most stringent searching of persons and vehicles since the attempt to overthrow the Government on February 26.

One correspondent's car was stopped and he was searched five times within a mile of the city's central area.

The searchers refused a clue whether the renewed roadblocks were motivated by a man-hunt or arms-hunt.

Role Of Indian Press In World Peace

LORD LAYTON'S ADDRESS AT MADRAS RECEPTION

MADRAS, MARCH 14 (API): THE "STUPENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY" THAT LAY ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE PRESS OF INDIA AND THE WORLD PRESS GENERALLY TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL WAS STRESSED BY LORD LAYTON, AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE REUTER DELEGATION THIS EVENING.

The occasion was a reception given in their honour by Mr. C. R. Srinivasan, Editor of "Swadesamitran", and a Director of the Press Trust of India.

Lord Layton mentioned the problems confronting the various countries in Europe, America, the Middle East and the Far East and pointed out how important it was for them in India, and equally for those in Britain to understand the news of what was happening in several parts of the world. These problems illustrated the importance of the press and its tremendous responsibility.

The press shared of course the responsibility with the radio. "And yet who is to exercise that responsibility?" Lord Layton asked. What was the right way, and who was to control the flow of news? "Now we have it in the Reuters, a co-operative organisation of the press, first internally, secondly internationally, not alone, but with the concurrence of the democratic Governments. Reuters with its sense of responsibilities enormously helped to keep clear the channels of information without which the nations of the world must come to ship wreck.

FREE MOVEMENT OF NEWS

"We believe that in the internationalising as it were of Reuters we have struck upon something that may play an enormously important role in maintaining the free movement of news throughout the world. We believe that very few countries by themselves could maintain, except subsidised by Government, an independent international news agency. But that together a number of countries can do so. It so happens by accident as it were, historic accident if I may say so, Britain, Australia and India are at the moment called into partnership in this respect. It is quite obvious that that partnership is to a very large extent an experiment. We are trying something very unusual and we believe we can make a success of it. Because there is a certain common ground between the Indian press and the British press, the concept that the individual is entitled to know what is happening, to think for himself and not to have something imposed upon him by any Government. This is the basic concept of democracy. We believe that is the common ground and it is here we have one of the important jobs in the social sphere in which Asia and Asiatic communities and European communities can combine. If we can demonstrate that in the journalistic sphere, we would have showed an example capable of being copied in the political sphere, if there is to be world peace ultimately".

INDIA'S RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. R. A. Henderson, Chairman, Australian Associated Press, speaking next said the occasion had provided him with a good opportunity to say a few words on the Reuter partnership with the Indian press. He said:

"India, more perhaps than any other country in the world is charged with the responsibility of solving the most stupendous problems, the decision upon which to a very large extent depends the future peace and prosperity of the whole world. Democracy cannot function unless it is informed. And the responsibility for informing it is basically and primarily that of the newspapers and of the organisation of public information. That is a tremendous responsibility in a country like this. I have no doubt that all those people who are directing the newspapers all over India appreciate the responsibility and realise the tremendous trust imposed upon them. I am equally certain, they discharge that responsibility and trust faithfully and well.

They have entered into a new phase by becoming the proprietors of an organisation which is charged with the duty of collecting the news of the world. The Reuters obligation is to report happenings free from comments, or views and merely to state the fact of the happening. They are discharging that task to the very best of their ability. To the extent we are strengthened, we have been strengthened by the advent of India into the ownership and control, we are better able to perform our task. I think, gentlemen, that is all I wish to say. On behalf of the Associated Press and my colleagues of the Reuter Board, I welcome the Indian partnership sincerely and look forward to a close and intimate association."

GRAHAM'S ADDRESS

Mr. Malcolm Graham, Chairman, "Express and Star", Wolverhaptom, said he associated himself with all the remarks said by Lord Layton and Mr. Henderson. He said he very much appreciated the opportunity of meeting so many distinguished gentlemen of the press and other citizens. "We in the provinces of Great Britain", he said, "feel that we have drawn nearer to India at a result of the agreement which has just been concluded between the previous Reuters and the Press Trust of India. We are delighted that you have come to join with us in the responsibility of running that great news agency. It was a responsibility which the provincial press of Great Britain shouldered alone for many years. Later the London press came into partnership and greatly strengthened our organisation. Still later Australia and New Zealand added to that strength and now we feel that with the assistance of India we shall go ahead and be able to do even greater work than we have done in the past. I have been entrusted with a number of messages from leading personalities in the provincial press which I hope to deliver to the Press Trust of India. All those messages show a very warm desire to express to you how very pleased we are that India is coming into partnership with us".

Mr. Graham added that he looked forward to the future with the greatest confidence.

Mr. W. A. Cole, Editor, Reuters news service, recalled with pride his visit to India in 1945 as a "path finder" for the partnership of Reuters with the Indian press.

To him, as a Scot, Madras and Madras journalism was something striking. Just as one discovered Scotchmen in London, one found the journalists of Madras everywhere, (laughter).

"And so I and the Madras journalists have a common bond", he said. (Renewed laughter). "I do feel that the journalists in India under the new association have a great part to play to make enormous contribution to world journalism. And I would like to say that the first appointment of Mr. G. Parthasarathi to London is an omen of great promise (loud cheers). I feel that Madras has played a tremendous part in the negotiations because Mr. Kasturi Srinivasan has been a great leader and we have had sterling counsel and advice from Mr. C. R. Srinivasan and Mr. Ramnath Goenka, all of whom were tremendous friends to me when I was here in 1945 and in very difficult times and my mission then was helpful to both sides. In the first place, you newspapermen and publishers learnt something of Reuters, and my people in London learned something of the Indian published and Indian journalists."

Mr. Cole in conclusion said that he was deeply touched by the warmth of the reception of the evening.

EIGHT RED SHIRTS ARRESTED

PESHAWAR, March 14 (A.P.P.): Eight members the Red Shirt organisation have been arrested in Peshawar under the N.W.F.P. Public Safety Act in connection with the alleged plot to kill the Frontier Premier. They include a member of the opposition in the Frontier Assembly.

Aney's Appeal To Women Students

PATNA, March 14 (API): Addressing the students of a local girls' school during his visit to Begusarai, the Governor of Bihar Mr M. S. Aney said that education must be imparted to womenfolk, who were now anxious to "abandon darkness and come into light", "man and woman", he said, "constitute society and they are the two sheets of the nation: so they must be sufficiently strong to bear the burden".

INTER-DOMINION TRADE CONFERENCE

KARACHI March 15, (U.P.I.): The Inter-Dominion trade conference sponsored by Mr. C. Neogy, India's Commerce Member, is expected to be held in New Delhi the provinsional dates suggested being March 27 and 28, according to an official source here.

It is believed that the conference will continue till the first week of April.

The new taxation measures which affect Indo-Pakistan trade will, it is understood be discussed.

The source concluded that India was eager to encourage the freer flow of trade between India and Pakistan.

LOUDSPEAKERS TO BE BANNED IN CALCUTTA.

CALCUTTA, (U.P.A.): The police are to apply the soft pedal to the bewildering cacophony of Calcutta's streets.

The use of loudspeakers outside shops, restaurants and other establishments—presumably for the purpose of attracting custom—as well as in "public places" in general is to be banned, it is learnt.

Permission for such use may be given in special cases, and even then will be for a limited period only.

MUTT AND JEFF—For Years This Judge Has Had A Two-Word Vocabulary—Ten Days By BUD FISHER

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